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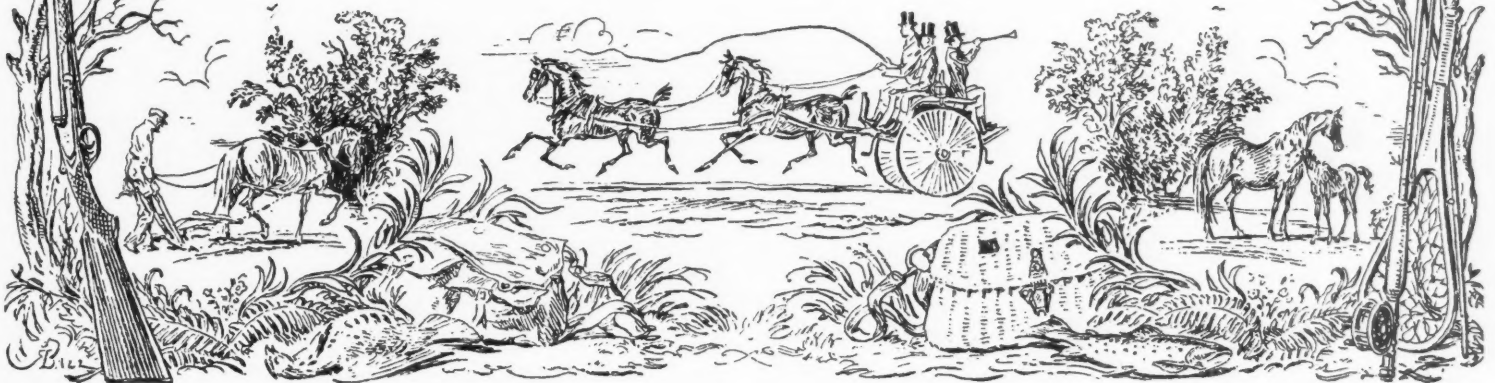


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### UNITED FRONT FOR HUNT MEETINGS

The hunt meeting gathering in New York last week was a decided and definite proof of the interest of amateur and professional horsemen alike in the continuation of this type of racing. One hundred and fifty men and ladies gathered from many sections of the country, not only to enjoy the very gracious hospitality of Richard K. Mellon at a carefully prepared luncheon at the Waldorf, but to give unqualified approval to the necessity for an organization which will promote amateur sport, sponsor conditions for racing that will bring out new horses and new riders, and, by means of a carefully prepared program, canvas the country for good prospects who will make use of their horses to race at the hunt meetings.

A set of conditions for 3 races to be put on by each of the hunt meetings for novice horses over timber, brush and flat received approval. No word of dissent was raised although it was made clear by Amory Haskell that the proposed \$1,500 for each jumping race and the \$1,000 for the flat race at 165 pounds was too steep for the United Hunts to carry by itself, although such a purse could be raised by each hunt meeting and money from the United Hunts, if they are able to help the hunt meetings again, could be used to make up as much as possible of these purses.

An interesting comment from Thomas Gay of Richmond sounded one of the keynotes of the meeting when he said he felt \$200 from each hunt meeting was a very nominal sum to pay the expenses of such an association for their work on behalf of amateur sport. That sterling sportsman, Ambrose Clark, pulled no punches in an address before the gathering. There is much to be done to improve amateur racing and it cannot be done by fooling ourselves that the amateur connotation of yesterday still has the same meaning today. "Every fellow thinks his horse, like every goose, is a swan," said America's foremost amateur sportsman and the sooner he gets himself straightened out in the novice races proposed for maidens the better.

The only vote given during the day, was that of Mr. Haskell, master of ceremonies, who asked for the election of the committee, the panel for which had been previously selected. That the temper of the group was one of real accord in spite of the many complexities and problems which beset amateur sport was shown, however, by the unanimous endorsement of this committee. There was no doubt that the committee not only had the approval of everyone there but that also they had the tacit consent of everyone there to draw up a set of conditions similar to those proposed to bring new timber horses, new brush horses and new riders into the sport.

There was also no doubt that those present were willing to accept any measure proposed by the committee which would furnish \$2,500 thought necessary by Secretary-Elect Hunneman to maintain the expenses of the organization for a year. Vexing problems of scratches which injure the public's faith in the hunt meeting card

need the attention of the Racing Committee said Mr. Gay. As that good authority of racing, Edward Brennan pointed out after the meeting, such a problem can be answered easily by a refusal on the part of hunt meeting committees to put complimentary entries in the program. This is a simple solution of a well founded complaint.

The men on the committees appointed are well fitted to handle such matters and their determination to improve amateur racing will have a ready response if the sentiment of this meeting is a fair indication, and it most certainly is. In fact a green light has been given amateur sport and the only thing left now is action for the spring meetings about which farsighted horsemen are already concerning themselves.

## CHRONICLE QUIZ



HOW WOULD YOU DESCRIBE A HORSE THAT KICKS FORWARD WITH A HIND LEG?

- Which of the following expressions would you use in addressing the huntsman at the end of a hunt?  
Good Bye  
Good Day  
Good Night.
- Who wrote the following?  
"Half a league, Half a league,  
Half a league onward  
Into the Valley of Death  
Rode the six hundred."
- What breed of horse has one less vertebra than other breeds?
- What is the meaning of the word "feral" as applied to horses?
- What does the verb "to float" mean in the veterinarian's vocabulary?

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## Letters To The Editor

### Grove City Grows

Pearl Harbor Day 1946

Dear Sir:

A great deal has happened since I first wrote you. We now have a going club of around 40 now though only 20 are full charter members as yet.

Our committees cover cross country rides, horse shows and paths and trails. They are rarin' to go and are ready for most anything. We have received enthusiastic and encouraging letters from the American Horse Shows Assn. and National Steeplechase and Hunts Assn., through your referring us to the Masters of Foxhounds Assn.

Our strategy, I think, will be to tie our committees to the national organizations and participate in all local events, as well as our own activities.

The club and members are getting better acquainted and enthusiasm runs high. Sixteen of us will attend the annual dinner of the

Sharon Saddle Club next week. We are now known as "The Grove City Saddle and Harness Club". We hope to join the fun and perhaps get to know better those whom we read about in The Chronicle.

Seasons greetings and best wishes, sincerely,

Cecil Vincent

Grove City, Penna.

### Service Rendered

December 3, 1946

Gentlemen:

Just a line to let you know I sold the starting gate. I advertised in your classified column last month to a lady in Ohio. I certainly appreciate your help in this matter as such a contact would have been impossible for me out here without your help.

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## Fox River Valley's Post War Entry



### War Babies Of 1946 Learn About Life The Hard Way With The Worldly Wisdom Of Damage '38 And Demon '40

Like many other hunts, Fox River Valley have been largely inactive during the war. During this period, Dennison B. Hull, M. F. H., maintained a breeding stock in his kennels and devoted all his spare time to breeding and raising young entry for the day when more active hunting could be resumed. As a result our pack has consisted almost entirely of young entry—war babies, so to speak—whose only thoughts of hunting came to them in day dreams inspired by instinct.

Before them lay the problem of learning the tricks and purpose of hunting without the benefit of having served their apprenticeship in the field with experienced hounds.

This was the pack with which we started our 1946 season, except for Damage (South Dorset '38) and Demon (40), the only reliable hounds left intact—even though aged—from our pre war pack.

To add to our problem, the Fox River Valley was cursed with the driest summer and early Fall on record. To our pups the world was made up of two elements—dust and pollen. In spite of this, they hunted with enthusiasm; but they were puzzled and the foxes were smug.

Finally, during the latter part of October, the days began to darken and the hunting prospect began to brighten. Several still nights with heavy frosts seared and withered the weeds and the pollen menace disappeared. Then came several long, steady rains settling the dust and leaving the earth cool and damp. The two-element world, as the young entry had known it, changed before their noses. It was now a world of many odors. All of them were interesting, but there was one scent upon which Damage, and Demon always spoke. This scent seemed particularly exciting. They wondered why.

It was on October 26 that they discovered the significance of this particular scent. The Fox River Valley pups met at 8 a. m. in the meadow behind Larry Batemans. The day was warm but the ground was damp and there was just a breath of wind from the southwest. We threw in on the east slope of the wooded valley west of the meadow and drew west into the valley. Damage opened almost immediately, and although the line was short and obviously old, it was encouraging to see how the young pack harked to her. We continued west over the next ridge land into a second valley and southeast across the Bateman bean field. Here Chieftan struck a promising line that ran due south through the grove on the knoll and out into the open country beyond.

The pace was sizzling and the line carried south past the Green Barn to Algonquin Road. At this point the fox, probably turned by the traffic, was viewed running west parallel to the road. We continued west with no let-up in pace almost to Bateman Road where we checked momentarily.

The pack fanned out, feathering excitedly. Benedict found and they burst off, this time running down wind toward Donlea Road. They hadn't run more than 300 yards in this new direction when their noses came up. No need for scenting now—they were running by sight. "Charlie" had no time for tricks—to run was his only hope of salvation.

They rolled him at the north end of the large field boarded on the east by Bateman Road and on the south by Algonquin Road.

Fox River Valley pups met in Larry Bateman's Meadow at 8:00 a. m. Fox River Valley hounds hacked home at 11:30 a. m.—R. C. B.

### Redland Hunt

Derwood (P. O. Rockville), Maryland  
Established 1932  
Recognized 1938  
Master: (1932) Thomas T. Mott.  
Hounds: American.  
Hunting: Fox.  
Colors: Scarlet, old gold collar, black piping.

#### December 4

This day was a red letter-day for the Master of Redland Foxhounds and only slightly less so for the members of his field.

Early in the morning he had received the news that he had become a grandpa for the first time. A baby daughter was born to the young Tommy Motts at Georgetown Hospital, Washington, D. C. At one in the afternoon the Redland Hunt met for the first time since the early part of the war.

The vans began to arrive at the kennels shortly after noon. The pink coats and black Meltons looked as fresh as though they had never seen mothballs; there was not a "rat-catcher" in the field.

Hounds started promptly at 1 p. m., first drawing the Welch place and the mill coverts. Then back through the Brady Farm to the big woods where a fox was found. How that music did warm the heart after all these years!

We ran hard for 25 minutes then hounds lost scent on Flint Hill. The field had learned that the new puppies could set a pace up to Redland Hunt standard. We were tired and happy when hounds were called off at 4:35 p. m.

Among those out were Miss Judy

### Rose Tree Fox Hunting Club

Media, Penna.  
Established 1850  
Recognized 1904  
Master: Alexander Sellers.  
Hounds: American.  
Hunting: Fox.  
Colors: Scarlet, dark brown collar, yellow piping.

I am going to start my account of the hunt which the Rose Tree had on November 19th by quoting some lines from Will Ogilvie's poem, "The Moon-Raker":

"Not the lord of copse or covert  
Lying lazy in the sun,  
But the late returning lover  
Is the fox we fain would run.

We shall learn before it's over  
Just how far a fox can roam,  
And the pace of a night-rover  
When his mask is set for home.

With that one endeavor burning  
He will lead us, straight of neck;  
There'll be neither twist nor turning.

There'll be neither pause nor check;  
We shall learn by each disaster,  
Rotten bank and breaking bar,  
There is nothing travels faster  
Than a homing Lochinvar."

It is easy to guess now what kind

Johnson, (through steeplechasing for this season), Mrs. F. J. Sherry, Messrs. William Bowling, William Carl, Jr., John and Blair Richards, Edward Fletcher, Miss Hazel Welch and others.—E. J. Mc. S.

of a fox we picked up in the Yarnall Woods in spite of the fact that his love-making was a bit out of season.

The weather was fine; in fact, all our hunting days this Fall have been beyond compare. Newspaper accounts of the snow-fall in Colorado just haven't seemed authentic to the inhabitants of this part of the world who have been enjoying September weather through October and November. Those who came out were the Master, Alexander Sellers, Foster Reeve, Ann Cochran, Mark Reeve, Peel Bentley, Jim Bentley, Barbara DuBarry, Marion Peek, Mrs. Samuel Rhodes, Mrs. Frank Griffin, Marshall Piersol, "Jeff" and Sid Jeffords, Ned Hay, Bobby Brooks, Dr. Newcomer and Eddie Quigley.

As I have stated before, Yarnall Woods usually contains a good running fox, so when the hounds opened up and we heard "Buck's" horn, it seemed reasonable to suppose that our old friend who had given us several good runs was on his way again. Right from the start, however, there was something puzzling about it all. This particular fox did not run toward Turtleback as our old acquaintance usually did. He tore off in another direction toward Middletown Road, then executed what the pig-stickers in India would call a jink which caused plenty of trouble for the hounds. At this point, our huntsman made about the best cast ever, and picked up the scent in the corn-field opposite Jeffords' Gate. I asked him afterwards why he had made such a curious cast and he said, "Well, I figured from his antics that he was a strange fox and that he might have decided to leave that way."

Once our fox had given up the idea of remaining in the vicinity of his lady-love, he lost no time in going home. It was gallop and jump, fight one's way through wild hedges, over brooks, up and down wooded hill-sides until horses were blown and riders all too willing to quit. In his flight, the fox crossed Middletown Road and ran through Yearsley Hollow. Here one horse hit his knees and tossed his rider off and another horse preferred to try his luck through a wire fence to jumping the bars, with, I might say, disastrous consequences to his rider.

From Yearsley Hollow, the fox bore right to Sleighton Farms and went through a thick privet hedge through which we could not force our horses. Turning right, we found two wires barring our exit. Racing back to the other end of the hedge, we were confronted with more wire and a brambly sort of down-sloping hedge. A gap was found in this and dropping down to the road, we galloped madly on behind a fast vanishing pack of hounds. Across Sweet Water Farm and into Yates' Woods, then left to the railroad and over the stream to Locksley Woods, the scent led. There was no let-up in the chase. The beacon light beyond the Glenn Mills Reformatory proved to be our next objective. It did not, however, light the way to our fox's burrow. Back he turned to the Locksley Woods and emerging ran to the far end of the apple orchards. Down along the railroad, the brush was thick and it was the time of day

## Hunting Followers Urged To Give To Hunt Servants Fund

At this season of the year fox-hunting men and women throughout the country are making their annual Xmas contributions to the hunt servants fund. Contributions are also being made to the worthy Hunt Servants Benefit Foundation, which provides for hunt servants who, by reason of illness, accident, old age or disability, are in need of financial assistance or other relief. W. Plunket Stewart, M. F. H. Mr. Stewart's Cheshire Hounds, President of the Masters of Fox Hounds Assn., and Executive Trustee of this fund has brought to the attention of masters the urgency of support to this fund.

when commuter trains were also thick. As it was growing dusk, we decided that discretion was the better part of valor and lifted hounds. A long ride home behind hounds brought us home glad to be among those special fools who, Erasmus says, "take an unimaginable pleasure to hear the yell of the horns and the yelp of the hounds."

—L. N. R.



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## JOINT MEET Fairfield County Hounds

Westport, Connecticut  
Established 1924  
Recognized 1928  
Joint-Masters: (1942) Chester LaRoche.  
(1943) Albertus A. Moore.  
Hounds: American.  
Hunting: Fox and drag.  
Colors: Scarlet, blue collar, gold piping.

## Fairfield & Westchester Hounds

Coscob, (Greenwich) Conn.  
Established 1913  
Recognized 1914  
Joint-Masters: (1939) Capt. R. I. Robinson.  
(1942) Mrs. Howard P. Serrell.  
Hounds: American.  
Hunting: Fox.  
Colors: Scarlet, orange collar.

The joint meet of the Fairfield County Hounds and the Fairfield and Westchester Hounds was held at the Fairfield and Westchester Kennels on Saturday, Nov. 23. A field of 58 riders turned out, approximately half of whom were members of the Fairfield County Hunt. Among those present from Fairfield County were: Joint-Master Albertus A. Moore, Mrs. Joshua Barney, Mrs. Arthur F. Parrott and her son; Miss Frances Williams, etc.

The day was cold and a high wind blew almost continuously so that fox hunting conditions were rather poor however, we were able to provide one run which lasted about 45 minutes over some of our best open country, after which we drew 2 coverts blank and called it a day. Following this, Mrs. Howard P. Serrell, Joint-Master, entertained the members of both hunts at a hunt breakfast at her house.

This joint meet followed by 2 weeks a very pleasant day when the Fairfield and Westchester Hounds were guests of the Fairfield County Hunt in Fairfield at a 2 1/2-hour drag. The members of that hunt entertained our members at the Club House following the meet.

I might add that we had one of the best Thanksgiving Day meets that we have had in years. The meet was scheduled at Mr. Untermyer's stables at 10 o'clock and 42 members and juniors were in the saddle. About an hour before the meet, a fox had been seen on Mr. Untermyer's property, so that the huntsman cast in a small covert surrounded by open fields. Hounds were fortunate enough to pick up the fox that had been seen earlier and ran him due east across several large open fields within view of the many spectators who had turned up for the affair. The fox made a large circle in some woods to the east and returned after a run which lasted about 45 minutes to go to ground on Mr. Untermyer's property very close to the place where he had been found.

Later in the day, after a great many of the field had left for their Thanksgiving Day dinner, the remainder of the field of about 8 of the more enthusiastic members, had a run which lasted about 35 minutes—hounds making a point of approximately 6 miles with practically no checks. At the conclusion of this run, everybody decided that Thanksgiving Day festivities were very much in order and those few members of the field which were left, returned to their respective homes after seeing hounds off to the kennels.—Richard I. Robinson, Joint-Master.

## Rombout Riding and Hunt Club

Poughkeepsie, New York  
Established 1925  
Recognized 1931  
Joint-Masters: (1929) Homer B. Gray.  
(1944) Richmond F. Meyer.  
Hounds: American.  
Hunting: Fox.  
Colors: Scarlet, French blue collar, gray piping.

By Philip K. Crowe

Dutch Colonial records of Orange County, New York, show that the good burgers of Poughkeepsie and the surrounding towns felt justly proud of the game available in their countryside. Fat bucks, grouse and woodcock infested the fertile valley of the Hudson, while ducks by the tens of thousands took their long flight down the river. And, sad to relate, a bounty of a guilder was paid on foxes.

That Orange County still offers the sportsman a fine field of operations, was well proven the week-end of Nov. 23-24 by both a good day's shooting and an equally good day with fox hounds. The shoot was made at Morgan Wing's Sandonona Pheasantry near Millbrook, and the fox hunting with the Rombout Hounds through the courtesy of the Master, Homer Gray.

Unlike many commercial preserves, Mr. Wing keeps his covers full of birds and provides really good gunning dogs to find them. The English setter used held his points even when the high underbrush prevented finding him for sometime, and retrieved running birds with an unerring nose. Once he caught a slightly wounded cock in the air just as he was taking off. Tired and satisfied, a day was called after our limit of 5 cocks and 5 hens.

The following day, hounds met at Mr. Sleight's at nine of a cold rainy morning. Despite the weather and the fact that he had recently suffered a broken rib, Homer Gray decided to hunt hounds. A field of about 20 turned up, among whom was O'Malley Knott, one of the grand old men of fox hunting.

The first draw, Van Cotts Woods, produced a fox, but the deer season was just opening and the cover was full of hunters as well as scattered deer scent. No hounds could have worked their fox out of such a puzzle, and after an hour's try, Homer gave it up and drew another cover. The second try proved more successful, and we were given a fast half hour before the fox went to ground. I cannot report much about this second run as I managed to get myself lost in the pine forest, despite the kind efforts of Richmond Meyer, the joint master, and missed it. By two in the afternoon, it was raining so hard that hounds could no longer carry a line, and we returned to Homer's house, where a fire, whiskey and good companionship soon drove the cold away from one's bones.

It was particularly interesting to learn that at the recent farmer's party given by the Rombout Hunt, more than seven hundred people were entertained. Such a party is a testimonial not only to the care the hunt takes of its farmers but of the personal popularity of the Master. Homer Gray has hunted the Rombout Hounds for 14 years now, and has always enjoyed the best possible relations with the land owners.

The pack is made up largely of drafts from Millbrook which have been carefully culled and then bred from. Four hounds, Bingo, Jocker, Kate and Prompter, did particularly well during the day's hunting.

## Mr. Newbold Ely's Hounds

Ambler, R. D. 1, and Zionsville, R. D. 1  
Established 1929  
Recognized 1931  
Master: (1929) Newbold Ely.  
Whippers-in: Fred Nichols.  
M. H. Stein, Jr.  
Kennel Huntsman: Charles Grisdale.  
Hounds: American and Welsh.  
Hunting: Fox.  
Colors: Scarlet, brown collar, blue piping.

Hounds met on Nov. 12 at the Pines, on Furnace Ridge. The rain was coming down with purpose, but we were there so on we went and in about an hour it cleared up and was a beautiful day thereafter. As we moved along the ridge, ducking as many of the wet branches as possible, we came into Kovacs Woods. Away to our right, Baldy was heard to speak. Soon we heard him again, this time a number of the hounds going to him. The heavy morning rain, no doubt, had done some destructive work to the line. It was beautiful hound work and got better every minute, and they were rewarded for their diligence. By this time they had him straightened out, sailing into the open fields heading for Kistlers, but he swung back in Kovacs Woods going directly through the centre, out into open country above Campbell's, down over Furnace Ridge—into the lowlands, crossing the dirt road opposite Morrell's, continuing on through the open country back of Morrell's, into Pennypackers peach orchards, swinging left in the orchards and almost taking in Sager's Mill—but turning right a few hundred feet short of it and going up the valley, crossing the stream, through a small woods, and again into the open and headed directly for the Burr Mountain. Here hounds were stopped as they had been running steadily for four hours and our horses just could not take any more. The hunting in the up-country section has been so good that it's hard to pick out any days but this was one that I shall never forget.

On the 15th, November, hounds met at Mr. Luscombe's Barn at eight o'clock. The weather was clear and cool with no wind. Temperature 50 degrees. Hounds struck a good track just after leaving the lane into Luscombe's woods. The fox ran south through Luscombe's thickets into Hoffman's pine grove then reversed its line back through a cornfield and up through the thickets into the woods. All the Field had a good view of a grey fox as it broke into the open. The pack was close behind in full cry with McFee a deer proof Walker hound in the lead and 7 months old Julius bringing up the rear with his ungainly stride, but still giving his best and tongueing freely. A most heart warming sight. The line extended through Luscombe's woods into Hoffman's fields and down the hedgerow into their old oak woods. The line went on to the Lancaster farm (now DuBols) and back up the upper end of Hoffman's fields with Marion, a promising and very fast young bitch, in the lead. The hounds went due west to Mrs. Hil-

## Goldens Bridge Hounds

Brewster, N. Y.  
Established 1924  
Recognized 1925  
Master: R. Laurence Parish.  
Hounds: American.  
Hunting: Fox.  
Colors: Scarlet, black collar.

By Corinne Hungerford

Tuesday, November 5th, Election Day

It was very windy and dry as we drew off and found a fox in Hunting House Hill and ran over Mr. Ettlinger's field where pack split. We finally got both packs together and ran across Fields Lane and back to Red Shield Farm where we ran into deer and we picked up and worked back over Salem Center and Battery Farm where we decided to call it a day—not a very good day.

Thursday, November 7th:

Only a small field turned out at Battery Farm, the meeting place. We found a nice red fox in John Meldrum's meadow and enjoyed a very fast run for 30 minutes and marked our fox in Battery Farm wood. Our next fox proved one of the best of the season. Finding in Von Gal's swamp near Christopher Meldrum's, we ran over Meadow Lane Farm, on over Rock Ridge, crossing concrete road, near Hardscrabble Road. We raced over Red Shield Farm, then on towards Brewster turning sharp right at Turk Hill Road, then east over Star Ridge, on via Peach Lake and back to starting point where fox went to safety. This was an outstanding day.

Saturday, November 9th:

We met at Red Shields Farm and found in Mr. Ryder's woodland near Peach Lake but unfortunately the pack split. We followed the half that ran north over Star Ridge, the other part running south over Salem Center on to Battery Farm while our pack circled the large Peach Lake swamp several times. We finally picked up and crossed Peach Lake Road and found a fox in the woods back of Vail's golf course and ran over the former Miss Bessie Ryder Farm on to Dingle Ridge and after about 1 hour's slow hound work on stone walls most of the time, we picked up. This was a spotty day.

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lingsworth's woods, without missing a note. They were driving hard. Their quarry reversed his line and came down through the thicket into Hoffman's fields again, where the hounds accounted in a honeysuckle patch in Hoffman's woods.

Among the field were, Clint Ely, Mrs. Potter Wear and Mrs. Polly Miller.—Secretariate

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### Excess Amounts Neither To The Advantage Of The Housewife Nor The Grazier; Its Affect On Appearance, Tenderness And Flavor

by A. Mackay Smith

A few weeks ago we wrote in these columns about the recommendations of Mr. H. B. Davis of the Aready Milling Co., made at the lecture sponsored by the Orange County Hunt, that eastern cattlemen feed more grain and put more finish on their cattle before sending them to market. There is, however, another side to the picture, one that particularly concerns those whose primary agricultural product is grass—which means most horsemen.

First of all let us consider what are the advantages of heavy grain feeding. Grain produces fat and the amount of fat determines the grade of a carcass of beef. The average outside covering over the loin of a prime carcass is from one to two inches, of a choice carcass from three-quarters of an inch to an inch, of a good carcass about half an inch, of a commercial carcass one-fourth to one-half an inch, and a utility carcass even less—these being the five standard grades.

What good does all this fat do? Most people will not eat it and it is trimmed off and either thrown away or used as lard. The subsistence Research Laboratory of the U. S. Army Quartermaster Corps has found that in the preparation of carcasses for kitchen use the higher grades lose 16 percent of their weight in excess fat trimmed off.

Obviously fat is not much good in itself. What effect, then, does it have on the rest of the carcass? Meat is usually judged on the basis of three factors—appearance, tenderness and flavor. The eye-muscle, what is known to us as the tenderloin, is the portion which inspectors examine.

How does fat affect appearance? Some outside covering is essential, but half an inch looks better than an inch and a half. The meat should be well marbled, that is streaked through with fat, but there is just as much marbling when the animal carries a half-inch of outside fat as when it carries much more. Marbling depends upon the type of animal—whether of good beef type or not—rather than on the amount of outside fat.

How does fat affect tenderness? The U. S. Department of Agriculture, in a report made in 1939 by O. G. Hankins and N. R. Ellis concluded that fat had nothing to do with tenderness. Bulletin No. 131 (1938) of the Minnesota Agricultural Experiment Station reports that no difference in tenderness could be found between different grades of meat. The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station (Bulletin No. 542, 1937) found that commercial grades were actually more tender than prime or choice, although utility grades compared unfavorably with all others. Certainly an inch or two of outside fat is not necessary for tenderness, and tenderness is the factor most in demand as far as the consumer is concerned.

How does fat affect flavor? It has an important effect, particularly as far as the marbling of the meat is concerned, but here again half an inch of outside fat is all that is necessary. The Animal Husbandry Department of Texas A. and M. College in a series of tests found that commercial grades frequently scored over good and choice. The age of the animal is the most important factor as far as tenderness is concerned, the younger animals being more tender.

A heavy covering of outside fat, then, is of little value in itself and

of no advantage as far as the quality of the meat under it is concerned. What about the cost of producing this fat? Yearling feeders of good type usually need 100 days in the feed lot to reach commercial grade and about as much time again to reach choice or prime grade. In general almost twice as much feed per pound of grain is required during the second 100 days, to put on the difference between commercial, with a half-inch fat covering, and choice, with an inch and a half covering.

For example the Iowa Experiment Station has found that it takes 280 pounds of grain to feed a yearling steer from utility to good and 170 pounds more to feed him from good to choice. Similar conclusions have been reached by the Texas station.

If a heavy layer of outside fat is unnecessary from the point of view of the consumer and expensive to put on into the bargain, what arguments can be made in its favor? For one thing the packer gets a slightly higher dressing percentage—the ratio of bone and entrails to the rest of the carcass. The main argument is a question of fashion, however. Prime and choice grades sell at a very considerable premium, enough to make the addition of surplus fat profitable.

The profits from adding this fat go almost entirely to grain raisers, however. Corn belt farmers who have large quantities of grain to feed have every reason to support present market preferences. Not so the grass farmers of the grazing districts, however. They have pasture to market through their livestock, not grain, pasture that, supplemented with small quantities of grain will produce commercial grades of beef at comparatively low cost. Most horsemen are interested in grass rather than in grain farming.

Here is a chance for graziers to get together with housewives, to put on an educational campaign that will let consumers know that beef from a carcass of commercial grade offers them everything in the way of appearance, tenderness and flavor that they get from beef of choice or prime grades and at much less cost. If we could put that idea across we would not have to be thinking about importing mid-western grain. More important still packer buyers would be competing for our steers instead of looking down their noses at them. The facts are all in our favor. Let's see to it that Mrs. Joe Doakes knows about them.

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## Horse And Mule Annual Meeting Elects Officers

The 27th annual meeting of the Horse and Mule Assn. of America, Inc., convened at the Palmer House, Chicago, Ill., on December 4, when members were present from some 20 states. This well attended meeting lasted all day.

New directors were elected while R. U. Carr, Buffalo, N. Y., and George R. Bridge, Chicago, Ill., were re-elected. Fred H. Cook, Beaver, Pa., Arthur F. Hopkins, Rockford, Ill., Harry Heck, California, Mo., and Robert J. Kleberg, Kingsville, Tex., were newly elected.

Louis E. Stoddard, New York, N. Y., was re-elected as President and Mr. Kleberg was elected 1st Vice-President. Ira Drymon, Lexington, Ky., was re-elected 2nd vice-president; F. L. Morrow, New Britain, Conn., was re-elected Treasurer and Wayne Dinsmore, who has been secretary for the past 27 years, was re-elected as secretary for another 3-year term.

A. L. Goodenough of Morrison, Ill., spoke on the future use of work horses on farms, and predicated that while tractors were widely used now on a great many corn belt farms, horses would continue to have an important place in agriculture as they were needed for a multitude of light jobs such as repairing or building fence, plowing farm gardens, corn cultivating, mowing and raking hay, which is distinctly a two horse job, corn planting, and pulling equipment to various places on the farm when it is muddy, a situation which very often confronts corn belt farmers.

Walter C. Dyer of Galesburg, Ill., told about the need for travelling horseshoers in his area, and said that the condition was the same in a great many other communities in the United States. He added that competent horseshoers would make from \$8,000 to \$12,000 per year with equipment that did not cost

over \$1,200 or \$1,500, and that travelling horseshoers therefore were independent business men earning a very satisfactory income.

John E. Clark, Field Representative, Maryland State Fair Board, Bel Air, Md., told of the development of children's riding clubs in Maryland which were growing into very important character building, community building mediums for children and their parents. Ponies are used for the small children, and children in their teens are mounted on horses appropriate to their size

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## San Francisco Grand National

**Peggy Platz's Carbon Copy Tops Hunter Division With Bob Egan Up; Barbara Zimmerman's Open Jumpers Take Awards**

by Tom Pilcher

The Grand National Horse Show, held in conjunction with the Grand National Exposition at the Cow Palace, San Francisco, Calif., November 15-24, was voted an unqualified success, under the management of Sam Kramer who has been so successful with the Santa Barbara shows.

The classification was a big one, with horses competing from all over California as well as the neighboring states. If one were to make any criticisms, it might be said that the show was too long, from an exhibitor's point of view. On the other hand, there was a packed house every night, bearing out the fact that San Francisco is very much a "horse show" town. With the hunter and jumper classes having as many as 20 and 30 entries, Charlie Barrie of New Jersey had his hands full in making the awards, which he did in his usual accomplished and practical manner. In passing it might be said that he is ever a popular figure on the Pacific Coast.

In the hunter division, Miss Peggy Platz's well known champion Carbon Copy, annexed another hunter championship to his already long string of victories. He won the lightweight and handy hunters, in the hands of his trainer-rider Bob Egan.

The middle and heavy hunters went to Deane Burton's Idiot's Delight which has had a very successful career in Northern California.

Novice hunters was awarded to Mrs. J. J. Kessler's grey gelding Grey Skies, while Miss Mary Roger's consistent little horse Victory, ridden by Miss Pat Malcolm, won the hunters ridden by a lady and Thoroughbred hunters. He was also in the winning hunt team.

Horses from the Barbara Worth Stables of Sacramento and ridden by Mrs. Barbara Zimmerman dominated the jumping events. Her Little Chores won the novice jumpers, and with her well known Billy Sunday, she won the \$1,000 jumping stake, and incidentally cut largely into the balance of the stake money, by finishing 3rd with Spanish King and 4th with Little Chores. The latter was also 2nd in open jumpers and Billy Sunday placed 4th and 5th in handy jumpers.

Miss Dody Morton's young jumper won the handy class with Bob Egan up and Miss Janet O'Neill's Beachcomber was awarded the blue in the ladies' jumpers, while the well known bay gelding No Trouble from the Artesia Farms won the open and placed 3rd in the handy class.

Teams of three jumpers, an unusual combination seen in the West, was won by three horses from the Al Jessee stables, with a team from Barbara Worth Stables getting 2nd money. All in all it was a grand show, with competition running high in all events.

### SUMMARIES

#### Hunters

Middle and heavyweight—1. Idiot's Delight, Deane Burton; 2. General Copper, Rio Bravo

Ranch; 3. Grey Skies, Mrs. J. J. Kessler; 4. Comet, Olive Crossen; 5. Culpeper, Lt. and Mrs. Alexander Wilson.

Lightweight—1. Carbon Copy, Peggy Platz; 2. Space To Spare, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Helbush, Jr.; 3. Victory, Pat Malcolm; 4. Azure Star, Rio Bravo Ranch; 5. Sun Truder, Barbara Bechtel.

Novice—1. Grey Skies, Mrs. J. J. Kessler; 2. Kackette, Frances Zucco; 3. Rita's Sweep, Lt. and Mrs. Alexander Wilson; 4. Wake Island, Nancy F. Wood; 5. Baby Blue, Mrs. Leo Dupee.

Ridden by a lady—1. Victory, Pat Malcolm; 2. Culpeper, Lt. and Mrs. Alexander Wilson; 3. Triple Diamond, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip R. Davis; 4. Space To Spare, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Helbush, Jr.; 5. Fighting Boat, Eva Gene Dauger.

Handy—1. Carbon Copy, Peggy Platz; 2. Triple Diamond, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip R. Davis; 3. Golden Blonde, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Loeser; 4. Space To Spare, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Helbush, Jr.; 5. Y-Bar-Me, J. B. Brown.

Teams of 3—tandem—1. Victory, entry, Pat Malcolm; 2. Cover Girl, Entry, Norma Burton; 3. General Copper, Entry, Rio Bravo Ranch; 4. Carbon Copy, Entry, Egan Stables; 5. Y-Bar-Me, Entry, Barbara Worth Stables.

Thoroughbred—1. Victory, Pat Malcolm; 2. Triple Diamond, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip R. Davis; 3. Carbon Copy, Peggy Platz; 4. Azure Star, Rio Bravo Ranch; 5. Sun Truder, Barbara Bechtel.

\$1,000 stake—1. Carbon Copy, Peggy Platz; 2. Ibn Lare, Frances Zucco; 3. Y-Bar-Me, Mrs. J. B. Brown; 4. Azure Star, Rio Bravo Ranch; 5. Comet, Olive Crossen; 6. Space To Spare, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Helbush, Jr.; 7. Golden Blonde, Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Loeser; 8. Idiot's Delight, Deane Burton; 9. Victory, Pat Malcolm; 10. Triple Diamond, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip R. Davis.

#### Jumpers

Novice—1. Little Chores, Barbara Zimmerman; 2. Jumping Jeppers, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Deller; 3. Elector Kid, Bud Lutesinger; 4. Uita Rock, Patrice Mellars; 5. Star of Siam, Patricia Morton and W. H. Morton.

Handy—1. Ace of Spades, Dody Morton; 2. Flying Colors, Dorothy Fisher; 3. No Trouble, Artesia Stock Farms; 4. Beachcomber, Janet O'Neill; 5. Billy Sunday, Barbara Worth Stables.

Open—1. No Trouble, Artesia Stock Farms; 2. Little Chores, Barbara Zimmerman; 3. Mr. Big, Mrs. Marjorie Weadock; 4. Billy Sunday, Barbara Worth Stables; 5. Beachcomber, Janet O'Neill.

\$1,000 stake—1. Billy Sunday, Barbara Worth Stables; 2. Rev. Qui Sait, Rudy Smithers; 3. Spanish King, Barbara Zimmerman; 4. Little Chores, Barbara Zimmerman; 5. Ace of Spades, Dody Morton; 6. Beachcomber, Janet O'Neill; 7. No Trouble, Artesia Stock Farms; 8. El Rambler, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Schuler; 9. Hopalong, Rudy Smithers; 10. Mr. Big, Mrs. Marjorie Weadock.

Ladies—1. Beachcomber, Janet O'Neill; 2. No Trouble, Artesia Stock Farms; 3. Spanish King, Barbara Zimmerman; 4. Hut Sut, Al Jessee; 5. Town Tavern, Janet O'Neill.

Team of 3—tandem—1. Hut Sut, Entry, Al Jessee; 2. Billy Sunday, Entry, Barbara Worth Stables; 3. Mr. Big, Entry, Mrs. Marjorie Weadock; 4. Joker, Entry, Pat Malcolm; 5. Beachcomber, Entry, Janet O'Neill.

Touch and out—1. Jumping Jeppers, Mr. and Mrs. Dick Deller; 2. No Trouble, Artesia Stock Farms; 3. Mr. Big, Mrs. Marjorie Weadock; 4. Billy Sunday, Barbara Worth Stables; 5. Hut Sut, Al Jessee.

#### Polo Ponies

Heavyweight—1. Gossip, Don McMillan; 2. Uncle's Broom, V. Grabur; 3. Indian Girl, W. G. Gilmore; 4. Red Wing, Canada Horse Ranch.

Lightweight—1. Indian Chief, W. G. Gilmore; 2. Harok, J. B. Gilmore; 3. Pat, L. C. Smith; 4. Chicasha, Mac Ian Ladd Aldrette; 5. Grey Girl, T. I. Mosely.

\$1,000 stake—1. Hawk, J. B. Gilmore; 2. Indian Chief, W. G. Gilmore; 3. Gossip, Don McMillan; 4. Uncle's Broom, V. Grabur; 5. Diana, T. I. Mosely; 6. Chicasha, Mac Ian Ladd Aldrette; 7. Kenos, Arthur B. Aldrette; 8. Pat, L. C. Smith; 9. Grey Girl, T. I. Mosely; 10. Red Wing, Canada Horse Ranch.

## Veteran Irish Leaper Martinette Leads Jumper Division

By Doug Bailey

After a lazy summer at the Gypsy Trail Club in New York State, Don Mitchell's veteran Irish leaper Martinette spit on her fetlocks and wound up her wise old tail to dominate the jump division of the 8th annual hunter and jumper show at Watchung Stables 'Sunday' afternoon, Sept. 7 at Summit, N. J.

The old mare topped every class in which she entered and was 2nd in the open event for hunters and jumpers over the outside course. She missed the blue only because she refused to hustle in turning in her usual clean score. The class called for time as the deciding factor in the case of ties. On this basis, the top place went to Edward McGinley's Jug, ridden by Maj. T. N. Tully, Watchung's manager.

About forty horses, including many post entries, showed up for the show and there was some good performances despite a blistering hot day. Included were fair entries of green and novice hunters, an innovation for the Watchung fall event and these classes give promise of being even more popular in the future.

Top honors among the working hunters were fairly evenly divided between Smart Sir, owned and ridden by G. M. Jones, of Trenton, H-Ted, of Barbara Jean Fyfe, of Metuchen, and the Virginia-bred Surrealist, of Jean H. Damitz.

Many of the workers also went for a look in the conformation classes, with Smart Sir and Miss Fyfe's entry getting a good share of attention. In the important stake class, however, the conformation entry of Foxway, by Mr. and Mrs. F. R. White, Princeton, was pinned 1st, after making the same in the green event and 3rd in the limit class and in the same slot among the novices.

Miss Damitz' Surrealist had a splendid performance to win the hard open working class but was lamed when he hit the in and out hard and jogged out sore to be pinned 4th, a peg behind her new entry, Diana-mite, a small but eager Half-bred which showed plenty of stuff as a

green-goer and enough jump to be considered an open prospect.

One of the features was the special "handy" designed by Major Tully. It called for half of the in and out, jump out of a pen, over three up-ended oil drums, through the in and out, over a 4'-0" hog's back, backward over the timber-topped wall and a cut back over a high gate. Old Martinette was the only horse to make the tough layout, skipping around as if she knew the course blind-folded. Even Major Tully's entry, Jug, went haywire, flying both sections of the in and out to get off the course on the 2nd jump, the Major designed the courses. The committee huddled and decided to modify the course by laying one of the drums down between the other two on end. On this basis, they got the others to pin.

It was a great day for the kids, with three horsemanship classes, a junior jumper event and one for children's hunters. Young Tom Hennessey, of Arbor, won both the maiden and limit classes. Robert George Dickson, of Green Village, won the open horsemanship class.

Dr. Edward J. Laing, of Bristol, Pa., Col. Charles J. Hodge, of Maplewood, and William J. K. O'Brien, of Bayonne, were the judges.

### SUMMARIES

Limit jumpers—1. My Folly, R. D. Messner; 2. Jug, Edward F. McGinley; 3. Pleadon, Russell Lynady; 4. Twinkle Toes, Log Cabin Stables.

Novice working hunters—1. Sissy Britches, Mrs. F. D. Gearhart; 2. Louvre, Lt. Col. John W. Morris; 3. Foxway, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. White; 4. Golden Lady, Mrs. F. D. Gearhart.

Maiden horsemanship—1. Thomas Hennessey; 2. Lorrimer Armstrong, Jr.; 3. Phyllis Robitoy; 4. Gloria Johnson.

Limit working hunters—1. Louvre, Lt. Col. John W. Morris; 2. H-Ted, Barbara Jean Fyfe; 3. Gros Rire, Susan Lillard; 4. Ramble-On, Edward Gettis.

Open jumpers—1. Martinette, Don Mitchell; 2. Pleadon, Russell Lynady; 3. Hubba Hubba, William Quartier; 4. Twinkle Toes, Log Cabin Stables.

Open working hunters—1. Surrealist, Jean H. Damitz; 2. H-Ted, Barbara Jean Fyfe; 3. Ramble-On, Edward Gettis; 4. Smart Sir, G. M. Jones.

Green hunters—1. Foxway, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. White; 2. Gloden Lady, Mrs. F. D. Gearhart; 3. Mystery, Thomas Hennessey; 4. My Folly, R. D. Messner.

Limit horsemanship—1. Thomas Hennessey; 2. Sarah Brown; 3. Phyllis Robitoy; 4. Lorrimer Armstrong, Jr.; 5. Gail Gearhart.

Knockdown-and-out jumper stake—1. Martinette, Don Mitchell; 2. My Folly, R. D. Messner; 3. Hubba Hubba, William Quartier; 4. Jug, Edward F. McGinley.

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## Sedgefield Hunt Amateur Show Was Successful Event

The Sedgefield Hunt staged a most successful show Sunday, October 27 at Sedgefield, N. C., which attracted a record number of entries from throughout North Carolina. Sixteen classes were snappily run off and these included all manner of hunter, gaited, and driving events. Horse interest is tremendous through this area as was evinced by the huge crowd which jammed the lovely outside course. Many arrived in horse drawn vehicles of all kinds; small trailers were much in evidence bringing one or two "pleasure" horses from all parts of the county. It is regrettable that there was not more of a hunter turnout and more owners up to make it truly a hunting hunter show and justify its name of amateur.

Green Valley Glenn, grey 5-year-old mare by Guardian, owned and ridden by Bayne Welker, was an outstanding winner of the day, taking blues in working hunters and open hunters. In both these classes Mrs. Robert C. Randolph's chestnut gelding, Don't Miss was 2nd. This lovely moving son of Don Cross—Miss Sellars went on to win the Sedgefield hunters topping Green Valley Glenn; Guard On, T. V. Rochelle, M. F. H., up; and Highland Ace, Robert C. Randolph up, who placed in that order.

Col. Nathan Ayers' personable War Whoop colt, Rebel Yell, copied the blue in green hunters under a capable ride by Bayne Welker. In this class Green Valley Glenn was 2nd and Happy Lad, owned and ridden by Clay Welker, 3rd. That ardent foxhunting man, Gaither Welker, should be very proud of his two grand riding sons. The three turn out real hunting hunters.

It was good to see Bob Randolph piloting Highland Ace over the outside course for 3rd in the open hunters and 4th in the Sedgefield. Ace turned on one of his usual finished performances to beat "Glenn" in hunter hacks. Nancy's Pride, Jimmy Ridge up, was 3rd. Also good to see that sporting foxhunter, T. V. Rochelle, joint-master with Nathan M. Ayers, send his Guard On so beautifully over the course. We need more enthusiastic owners up like him. Incidentally, Guard On goes out whenever hounds do. Claude Sutton, Jr., did some nice riding on his chestnut mare, Janel, and we hope to see more of him around the shows.

Small Phil Phillips of High Point, son of Mayor and ex-Master Earl N. Phillips, handily took blues in the pony class and in the attractive driving class with his spotted pony, Tony. One of the most popular classes of the show was the family class in which Mrs. Jimmy Mitchell and petite daughter, Sandra, took the blue on two perfectly matched black saddle horses. The R. C. Randolphs were 2nd with Highland Ace and Don't Miss; 3rd, Sidney Allen and daughter, Jessie; 4th, the 3 sons of Mr. and Mrs. Allen Watkins, John A., David, and Allen, Jr., who look like so many stairsteps and brought down the house.

All in all it was a grand show ably judged by C. V. Henkel of Statesville, N. C., and much credit is due to Sidney Allen and Huntsman George Thomas who did all the hard work and got the show up. Sedgefield Hunt is lucky indeed to have such men as "Sarge" Bryson, Gilbert Scott, the best horseman I know, and George Thomas to carry on down here in North Carolina.

### SUMMARIES

Working hunters—1. Rebel Yell, Nathan Ayers; 2. Green Valley Glenn, Bayne Welker; 3. Happy Lad, Green Valley Farms.  
Hunter hacks—1. Highland Ace, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Randolph; 2. Green Valley Glenn, Bayne Welker; 3. Nancy's Pride, Jimmy Ridge.  
Pony class—1. Tony, Phil Phillips; 2. Toughy, Rebecca Ann Thomas; 3. Duchess, Tobey Stanley; 4. ChilliBeans, Jinny Shuford.  
Open hunters—1. Green Valley Glenn, Bayne Welker; 2. Don't Miss, Mrs. R. C. Randolph; 3. Highland Ace, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Randolph; 4. Janel, Claude Sutton, Jr.  
Sedgefield hunters—1. Don't Miss, Mrs. R. C. Randolph; 2. Green Valley Glenn, Bayne Welker; 3. Guard On, T. V. Rochelle; 4. Highland Ace, Mr. and Mrs. Randolph.  
Driving class—1. Tony, Phil Phillips; 2. Houston Morrison, Penny Starnes; 3. Daisy May, U. S. Trogon; 4. My Susanne, Helen Dallas.  
Family class—1. Entry, Mrs. Jimmy Mitchell; Sandra Mitchell; 2. Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Randolph; 3. Sidney B. Allen, Jessie Allen; 4. John A. Watkins, Allen Watkins, Jr.; David Watkins.

## Chicagoland Outdoor Shows Come To End At Royal Oaks, Deerfield

By Margaret M. de Martelly

The 1946 Chicagoland outdoor show season came to an end with the Royal Oaks Show at Deerfield, Ill., on Sunday, Oct. 6.

The outside course at Royal Oaks is obviously the creation of a dyed in the wool hunting man, Tom Chalmers who owns Royal Oaks, modestly insists in his enchanting Scottish accent, that he couldn't have done it so well, without the co-operation of Mrs. Louis Swift. He also had the blessing of co-masters Randall Poindexter and Ernest Ballard of Longmeadow.

The rustic jumps on the course are sturdy and wide. They are placed and designed to require a hunter to show the proper pace and, by change of direction, to gallop on both leads.

The Ace, owned by R. S. Edwards of Evanston, was ridden to victory by Eddie Whyte in the working hunter class. This very handsome 16.0 hand chestnut is a newcomer and promises to be a frequent winner.

Shown also on the outside course was the open hunter class. Range Wrattler won this class. He might have been beaten by his stablemate, Frame-Up, except for Mrs. Swift's loss of course. Mrs. Swift lost the course at her own show and her friends are now teasing her about "throwing the fight" to one or the other of her horses. The Ace came in 2nd in another of his beautiful even performances with Eddie Whyte up.

Miss Judy Butler showed her black filly Limerick in this class to win 4th. Limerick stands 16.1 at three years, has perfect manners excellent pace and a colossal jump. Under Judy's careful guidance this filly will be difficult competition in the next few years. She gallops and jumps like a made hunter now.

Ernest Ballard's Purple Magic was nicely ridden over the course by a visitor, Austin Brown, son of Carter Brown of Tryon, N. C.

It has been said before that as long as Range Wrattler travels sound he will be undefeated in the handy hunter class. He did it again. This course was tricky. It called for a right angle turn in the middle of an in and out, to omit the 2nd jump. There were other short turns and changing of leads. It was a showy event, pleasant to watch. Ted Mohlman stood a fair chance to win on his New Bawn, although his exceptional feat was performed before he entered the ring. He mounted New Bawn and backed him quietly out of a very narrow, temporary slip stall, into the milling confusion of the luncheon intermission. A very handy hunter!

The hunter championship class which was shown over the outside course, was won by Mr. Edwards' The Ace, under Eddie Whyte. Mrs. Swift could only bring in one of her winners so she rode Range Wrattler and her colored stable man, led Frame-Up. Edgar's grin took on epidemic proportions as he led out with the red ribbon. Miss Judy Butler rode Harold Blumberg's Briar Lady to 4th.

These hunter classes were interspersed with jumper and horsemanship classes and one slightly unorthodox Tennessee walking horse class, which I was sought to judge. Knowing absolutely nothing about Tennessee walking horses, I am sure I would have been stoned out of the village as in days of yore. It was, however, a fascinating event.

Pinky (actually pink) was there. He was jumped by his owner Nick Angelocos of Chicago. Pinky jumps

a 4'-6" fence from a standstill. His owner-rider is an artist at showing a jumper which is no doubt, why he won the open class. Mr. Struth's Mischief was 2nd. Eddie Whyte who, by this time had collected quite a number of ribbons, took 3rd on Kilkenny. This bay owned by Tom Chalmers, is another of those horses with a tremendous jump. The "ohs" of the crowd began with his take-off. They rose in pianissimo-crescendo-piano, which absolutely coincided with the arc of Kilkenny's jump. This was true in the open, the knock-down and out and the jumper championship. This last mentioned class, I had the pleasure of pinning.

Henry Helgesen, who trains for Paul Butler, won the knock down, riding Radar. This professional member of Oakbrook's staff, is a horseman of rare ability. First, 2nd and 3rd in this event were decided without too much difficulty. The jump-off for 4th, however, was the high spot of the class. Contenders for 4th place made one after another clean performance in the 3 jump-offs. Finally the jumps were raised and the ribbon was awarded to Mr. Struth's Mischief, ridden by Mrs. Reg Denley.

The horsemanship class for 18 and under sounds like a repetition of many former show scores; Misses Jorie Butler, Jean Carney, Frannie Blunt and Bunnie Dean. Miss Lawrence is gaining a reputation on her Meredith. Once more she won the class for 13 and under. There was also a class for 8 and under.

Pete Caulfield has done some very nice work on O-Bee, formerly a notorious star-gazer. O-Bee's head was down enough to enable him to win the novice class which is a tremendous endorsement for "Pete's" schooling.

E. S. Edwards' The Ace was the hunter champion. T. A. Mohlman's Secret Mist won the jumper championship.

The committee might well be proud of this show. There were ample classes for children and the hunters were shown under many classifications. The amazing part of it was that the show was over before 4:30, which proved good planning and good management.

With loaded trailers parked in front of the Rush Butler's in Winnetka, Ringmaster Bradley, Announcer Francis Newcombe and I, (the 3 of us are ever present) said a farewell until 1947. Suddenly we recalled that we would all be on hand, together with the usual contenders, at the Chicago Horse Show early in November and again at the Chicago International in December.

### SUMMARIES

Seat and hands, 18 and under—1. Jorie Butler; 2. Jean Carney; 3. Frannie Blunt; 4. Bunnie Dean.  
Open jumpers—1. Pinky, Nick Angelocos; 2. Mischief, William Struth; 3. Kilkenny, Tom Chalmers; 4. Barney, Eli Blumberg.  
Bridle path hacks—1. Jennifer, Judy Atwood; 2. St. Peter, A. Van Goldman; 3. Cadillac, E. Ruehl.  
Working hunter stake—1. The Ace, R. S. Edwards; 2. Clifton's Song, Jean Carney; 3. Range Wrattler, Mrs. Louis Swift; 4. Barney, Eli Blumberg.  
Junior jumping—1. Limerick, Judy Butler; 2. Sand Artist, Bunnie Dean; 3. Korky Boy, Audrey Rowe; 4. Sun Ladd, Jorie Butler.  
Novice hunters—1. O-Bee, L. F. Caulfield; 2. Gun Metal, John Portz; 4. Limerick, Judy Butler; 4. Going Up, Frannie Blunt.  
Knockdown-and-out—1. Radar, Sun Ranch;

## Watchung Show

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Limit conformation hunters—1. Hi-Ted, Barbara Jean Fyfe; 2. Elysian Shore, G. M. Jones; 3. Foxway, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. White; 4. Dianamite, Jean H. Damitz.

Open horsemanship—1. Robert George Dickson; 2. Lorrimer Armstrong, Jr.; 3. Sarah Brown; 4. Jay Dilley; 5. Phyllis Robitoy; 6. Gail Gearhart.

Hunters and jumpers, outside course, time to decide ties—1. Jug, Edward F. McGinley; 2. Martinette, Don Mitchell; 3. Smart Sir, G. M. Jones; 4. Louvre, Lt. Col. John W. Morris.

Children's working hunters—1. Miss Scott, Muriel Nelson; 2. Battle D'Or, Maj. T. N. Tully; 3. Mystery, Thomas Hennessey; 4. Lady Idle, Robert G. Dickson.

Conformation hunter stake—1. Foxway, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. White; 2. Smart Sir, G. M. Jones; 3. Dianamite, Jean H. Damitz; 4. Surrealist, Jean H. Damitz.

Junior jumpers—1. Battle D'Or, Maj. T. N. Tully; 2. Copper, Mrs. K. W. Waterson; 3. Miss Scott, Muriel Nelson; 4. Mystery, Thomas Hennessey.

The Handy jumpers, special course—1. Martinette, Donald C. Mitchell; 2. Magic, Dr. Grace Anrig; 3. Trouble Man, Anthony Giordano; 4. Big Lassie, George M. Jones.

Working hunter stake—1. Smart Sir, G. M. Jones; 2. Hi-Ted, Barbara Jean Fyfe; 3. Ramble-On, Edward Gettis; 4. Louvre, Lt. Col. John W. Morris.

Pairs of hunters, tandem—1. Elysian Shore, Smart Sir, G. M. Jones; 2. Gros Rire, Susan Lillard, Ramble-On, Edward Gettis; 3. Sissy Britches, Mrs. F. D. Gearhart; Miss Scott, Muriel Nelson; 4. Magic, Dr. Grace Anrig; Lady Idle, Robert G. Dickson.

Hunter hacks—1. Battle D'Or, Maj. T. N. Tully; 2. Hi-Ted, Barbara Jean Fyfe; 3. Keel Haul, Mr. and Mrs. F. R. White; 4. Red Rascal, Ruth Angerbauer.

8. Pinky, Nick Angelocos; 3. Lady Luck, Al Roth; 4. Mischief, William Struth.

Open hunters—1. Range Wrattler, Mrs. Louis Swift; 2. The Ace, R. S. Edwards; 3. Clifton's Song, Jean Carney; 4. Limerick, Judy Butler.

Children's horsemanship—1. Audrey Lawrence; 2. Frannie Blunt; 3. Ann Evans; 4. Barbara Cunningham.

Handy hunters—1. Range Wrattler, Mrs. Louis Swift; 2. Collateral, Jorie Butler; 3. Korky Boy, Audrey Rowe; 4. Pinky, Nick Angelocos.

Jumper championship—1. Secret Mist, T. A. Mohlman; 2. Kilkenny, Tom Chalmers; 3. Mischief, Dande Farm; 4. Barney, Eli Blumberg.

Hunter championship—1. The Ace, H. S. Edwards; 2. Frame-Up, Mrs. Louis Swift; 3. Range Wrattler, Mrs. Swift; 4. Briar Lady, Harold Blumberg.

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## Hunting In England

**Cloth From A Billiard Table To Patch A Coat; But Those Who Love To Hunt Will Find A Way**

By Betty Babcock

### Introduction

The English are a wonderful people. Their circulatory system, the staying quality of their legs, their meek lawfulness, their telephones, their roads, are amazing.

My home base in London was a Queen Anne architectural gem on the banks of the Thames, one of the few structures damaged but not blown into the river. Not only had it no heating system but its large windows were permanently flung wide. All rooms boasted a fireplace which made it worse, their prime function having ended 7 years ago. All foxhunters living outside of London could not be reached by telephone, my host explaining, with no edge of complaint, that trunk calls often took 2 or 3 days to complete.

By a stroke of luck an ancient car with the lines of a pregnant Dachshund was obtained, but English maps and roads proved a defeating combination. Every hundred yards on any road there is a cross road with a choice of no less than 7 signless roads. As the logical American pronunciation of towns is so much gibberish to the inhabitants, to reach one's destination is a major feat.

I have a host of nameless G. I.'s to thank for the invariable kindness my American voice invoked. Thanks to them and the English sportsmen and women of all ages and classes, whose words are quoted, this account of foxhunting in England was written.

"See that Courageous Hart Doth Fight With Fate, and Calleth Up His Might"...Thos. Hood.

"It does seem impossible now," said the aproned figure stirring the soup on the gas range, "that one could have looked at plough with pleasure and thought Good, this will take the edge off my horse, for now, just riding with the children, one has to spare him every unnecessary step. Seven years of grass has done that." The soup was then declared ready and the Queen's brother took the steaming pot from his wife, poured it into the waiting cups on the kitchen table and we set to.

Denton, Huntsman of the Crawley Horsham, a spare, bird like man of near 3 score years and 10, is speaking. "We managed, old Joe and I. The Jerries machine gunned the kennels 4 times and caught us twice in the open but they never hit anything. There was no flesh, the knackers got too much for it in the London meat market, and for the first 2 years we had nothing but boiled oats for hounds. We wouldn't have had that but for the farmers around here and their caring so much for the Master and hunting. We had cut the pack in half by giving to other packs, whose blood lines were not as good as ours, the hounds we could spare and we cut the hunt stable from 18 horses to 5. We managed all right on this, hunting 2 days a week but it may be harder now, for the 2 best horses are 18 and none of us are getting younger. If you will come with me, Madam, I would like to show you what a good pudding can be made of boiled oats and potatoes".

"I took over these hounds in '39 when Guy joined up", said the lady with the fine lines around her eye, "and when he got his in Italy and never would hunt again, I thought of giving up." She paused a moment, "But then I stayed on for my son and the other young chaps who loved hunting. Then, and her voice never changed or hesitated, "my son was killed and most of the others too." She turned with a kind smile. "Would you not like to see hounds, we have a particularly good young entry this year."

"Our second whip, a fine lad, was killed in Africa but Henry, our first

whip got back to us 2 years ago. He is such a natural foxhunter that the loss of one eye and his hearing has not appreciably handicapped him."

"Whenever I could get leave", said Bill, "I would get up to Melton to have a day with the Belvoir. Our fields had dropped from a pre-war 400 to 6 or 7 and this section of England was thick with troops. I remember one day we went to a far covert the farmers were complaining about, and no sooner had hounds gone in, then what looked like a whole regiment of grinning black faces popped up. Then around the corner in a jeep came an officious 2nd Lieutenant. "Get those dogs out 'a here", he roared, "before you're all blown to—". These woods are packed with shells." Our Huntsman, as he rode by the jeep into the woods, politely touched his cap and said, "Just so, Sir". Thank you, Sir". "Calm yourself, Sir." And with the last "Sir", he, we and the regiment took after hounds through the shell packed woods. The Lieutenant was so darn surprised, he just sat and gaped."

"After Dunkirk and for quite sometime we all carried pistols, it was compulsory you know, and we had to take target practice 3 times a week. Have you ever hunted," the Duchess asked, "with a loaded pistol hitting you at every stride?"

"I find", said the young girl, "that if I mash the potatoes and season them well with salt and pepper, my horse will eat them, but I'm afraid just mashed potatoes, nothing but mashed potatoes, for there is nothing else, will upset his digestion."

"We learned something from the 1st war for within a week of the declaration of war in '39, Master sent out through the Masters of Foxhounds Association, a letter to every hunt in the country, asking them to be prepared to cut the strength of their packs 1-4 and to reply by return mail giving the exact amount of feed this fourth would require to survive. A week later when the Government acted, we were ready; not only with the information desired, but with an accurate figure for our basic needs which was forthwith granted. The Government nearly always managed to meet this throughout the war, though of course, in its self alone, it wasn't enough to more than keep hounds alive.

"Then last year, the M. F. H. A. jumped the gun again. War, taxation, the new Government, the probable resurgence of groups inimical to sport, presented some new and serious problems. Pooling the best brains of the Association, a new rule book was compiled a year ago and sent to all members of the Association." In answer to a request for example of the new problems, the famed sportsman gave these. "With packs at half strength or less, horses woefully short, few hunts would be able to hunt their territory and new hunts would inevitably spring up. Some of these would doubtless be sponsored by those who knew little of the tradition of the sport, to put it kindly. Therefore,

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### Head Play

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HEAD PLAY, ch. h., 1930, by My Play—Red Head, by King Gorin. Sire of the winners of 367 races and \$564,348 to end of 1945. Sire of 46 winners in 1945, including 9 2-year-olds. His racing record included stakes winning efforts in The Preakness, The Suburban, Bay Meadows, San Juan Capistrano and 2nd in the Kentucky Derby and the American Derby.

### Ramillies

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RAMILLIES, b. h., 1939, by \*Blenheim II—Risky, by Diadumenos. Winning son of sire of Whirlaway and out of the grandam of Beaugay. A high-class race horse. At 2, in Stanford Stakes, he was beaten less than a length by Devil Diver and finished well ahead of Some Chance, Apache, Colchis, Dogpatch, etc. At 6 furlongs he defeated Colchis, Alforay, etc. At 1 1/4 miles he defeated Famous Victory, Corydon, etc. RAMILLIES entered stud in 1945.

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KAYTEE, b. h., 1941, by Blue Larkspur—Occult, by \*Dis Donc. KAYTEE, son of Blue Larkspur, who is sire of many of America's leading stakes winners as well as broodmares, including dam of Twilight Tear (leading 3-year-old of 1944) and By Jimminy (leading 3-year-old colt of 1944).

### First Fiddle

Fee: \$1,000—No Return

FIRST FIDDLE, gr. h., 1939, by \*Royal Minstrel—Rueful, by \*St. Germans. Perhaps his greatest race in his long career on the turf was in the 9th running of the Santa Anita Handicap in 1946, when he was beaten by a nose by War Knight, giving 11 lbs., to the winner, in 1 1/4 miles race run within 2/5's second of the track record.









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the new rule book is specific in its rulings from stating the prime purpose of foxhunting to the rights of farmers and the responsibilities of the M. F. H.

"To deal with the so called 'humane, fanatical, groups' who can always get free publicity from the press, and who are always trying to gain legislation barring fox and stag hunting, the M. F. H. A.'s new rulings, if followed, will remove their chief complaints. Thus, it is recommended that when a fox is seen to enter a house, hounds shall be whipped off and the householder asked what disposition of the fox he would prefer. Foxes, when dug, shall be killed by a hammer blow before being cast to hounds. Stags at bay shall be immediately killed by a member of the hunt staff and not by hounds.

Even with these and other measures taken for the preservation of foxhunting, the M. F. H. A. is aware by what a thin thread hangs the fate of sport should it ever be brought before the legislative branches of our respective Governments. The elected representatives from industrial areas so greatly outnumber those from country ones, and the temper of the times is so generally destructive towards old customs that, a bill to bar any sport, if presented, would surely be passed."

"I hope you don't know," said the very old lady, "what having a rain of death on your village does to you. One day it runs all through your body like a river of unutterable grief. Your heart stops. I don't think mine would have started again but for the sound of young Sam's horn at the back of my cottage. He was calling his hounds with the same, clear, joyful note his grandfather did when I was a girl."

"There was a hangar over back

of those woods with one of them hush, hush planes in it, barbed wire and guards around it, and a lot of young fellows and some big brass inside studying it." The villager laughed at the recollection of what was still to come.

"Well, on this morning, the fox was being so hard pressed he runs across the concrete runway and scuttles into the hangar through a crack in the door with hounds piling in after him. There were 23 plates on the barbed wire, I counted them, when His Grace and the hunt gallop up to the door, jump off and run in. I weren't there myself but they tells me that hush, hush plane got the most thorough going over and, as you might expect, His Grace killed his fox before the big brass could summon the guards."

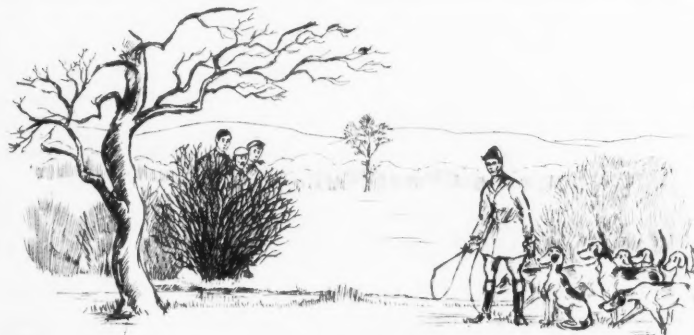
"No exact figures have been compiled as yet but I should think we could safely say that half of the turf in every hunt has been ploughed, and anywhere from 5 percent to 30 percent has been temporarily or permanently taken over for Army installations. The Warwickshire, for instance, lost its best bit of country when an airfield was built in its famed valley. We know that no recognized hunt has ceased to exist though we cannot give you the number of new hunts which now are hunting. There are approximately half the number of hounds as there were in 1939 but the loss in horses is even greater and this latter shortage will be harder to fill than the former. We don't expect the day of fields of 3 or 400 will ever return, nor yet that you will ever again see a well appointed field. Hunting clothes, as you probably know, are not to be had. A bit of the cloth from our billiard table was used to patch my coat and the only breeches that have survived the war, have four unsightly patches, but from now on one thing is sure, only those who love hunting will find a way to hunt."



--Mr. Dung waiting--

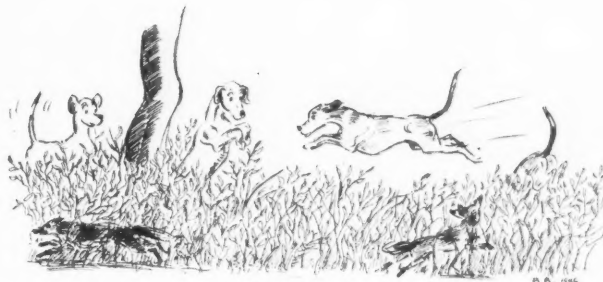
Mr. Dung sat on his walking stick gazing pensively at the horizon, while 2 small terriers attached to his wrist by a leash quivered and whimpered and all hell was breaking loose in the drain pipe beneath his stout figure. The drain pipe ran under a lowland meadow, one end in a ditch, the other on the bank of a weir. In the drain were a brace of foxes and the brown kennel terrier named "Joe". At the "entrance" end was an intent young woman, a blue kerchief around her head, sitting on her heels watching Lord

Burghley, his front end in the drain pipe, the other end elevated above the meadow grass. Lord Burghley was encouraging "Joe". At the other end of the drain but across the weir behind some willow bushes, stood, as immovable as stone, 3 Englishmen, their 3 heads cocked at exactly the same angle, their eyes riveted on the drain exit. Between these 2 groups sat the expectant hounds under the care of the kennel huntsman and various unmounted members of the field, while the fortunate few who had horses were a bit back of these.



The three Englishmen watching the drain exit--

Mr. Dung continued to gaze at the horizon, his terriers to quiver and whimper. Mr. Dung was waiting impassively for his great moment. He had come every day of the cubbing season, awaiting its fulfillment. It came sooner than expected. "Joe", faced with 2 brushes, was being over cautious. His muffled barking came out at both ends of the drain, but nothing else. Lord Burghley gave up his subterranean fight talk and rose and approached Mr. Dung. Mr. Dung never moved, not even his head, but after a few minutes, extended the leash arm slightly and Lord Burghley, bending quickly, unleashed the little black and white bitch, picked her up, jumped into the ditch and thrust her into the drain pipe. Pandemonium followed.



"Violent activity"--

"It was colder than blue blazes in the thick covert of privet, bracken, brambles and trees down in the Duke of Beaufort's country where Lord Knutsford, armed with a spade and the Duke's earth-stopper with a pair of terriers, led a small group of foot followers deep into its center. Nineteen couple of magnificent hounds and one stout huntsman soon joined us while the Duke and the mounted members of his field surrounded the covert. So many cubs were soon afoot that in whatever direction you looked, violent activity was taking place. The stout huntsman came and went and came again, but never spoke. This silence amidst such a din from hounds was too much for 2 persons. Mrs. King Hall, a famous Irish M. F. H., a lady of commanding presence, temporarily afoot due to a hunting injury, found the silence quite unbearable and so, whenever a hound or 2 bounded out of sight, she emitted tactfully lowered grunts and yips to, as she told us with a surprisingly shy smile, encourage them. The other sufferer was the Duke himself whose pleasant voice came to us from the eastern border.

Then 1 fox was chopped in the northern corner as another slipped

Hounds chopped the first fox while his running mate, encouraged by the waving arms and whoops of the 3 Englishmen now come to life and, pursued by "Joe", who, in turn, was pursued by the girl in the blue kerchief, took off down the meadows and up the hill beyond.

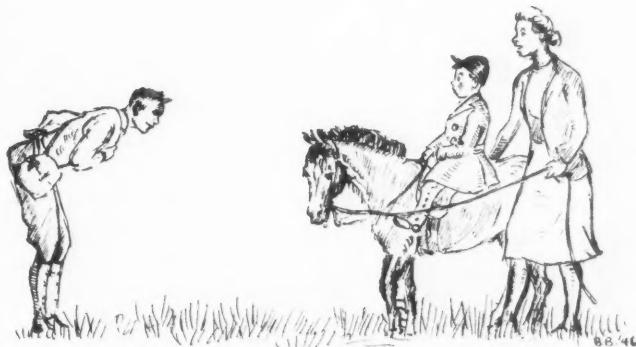
Lord Burghley, meanwhile, had turned from encouraging hounds to his horse and, vaulting into the saddle, brought his pack out of the brook and onto the line and galloped off with his field hard after him.

Mr. Dung rose slowly, folded and grasped his walking stick, then calling his terrier and bending only as an aged, fat party can, slipped her on the leash again. Then he rose, adjusted his ulster and with slow but triumphant steps, headed for home.

away to the south. But not unnoticed. Hounds turned from the north, raced by us and hit the line like a pistol shot. We reached the open just in time to see hounds 2 fields away, flying to the west and the field taking the big stone wall on the crest of the hill.

Said one of the breathless foot followers, clinging to the same gate for support, "Wonderful, wonderful. That's what it is to see His Grace hunting again, and hunting 6 days a week as a man should."

"After Dunkirk", said, Master, "we held a hurried meeting, selected our best stallion hound and the 11 best bitches and arranged with 12 people we could trust, to come to the kennels the moment the news was flashed of the German invasion, each to take the hound assigned to him and to preserve its life to the best of his ability, while we put down the hounds remaining." The Duchess added, "We have the Belgians to thank for this. In the last war, through 4 years of German occupation, they thus preserved the best hound blood they had, though they made one error, they did not kill their remaining hounds and the Germans ate them."

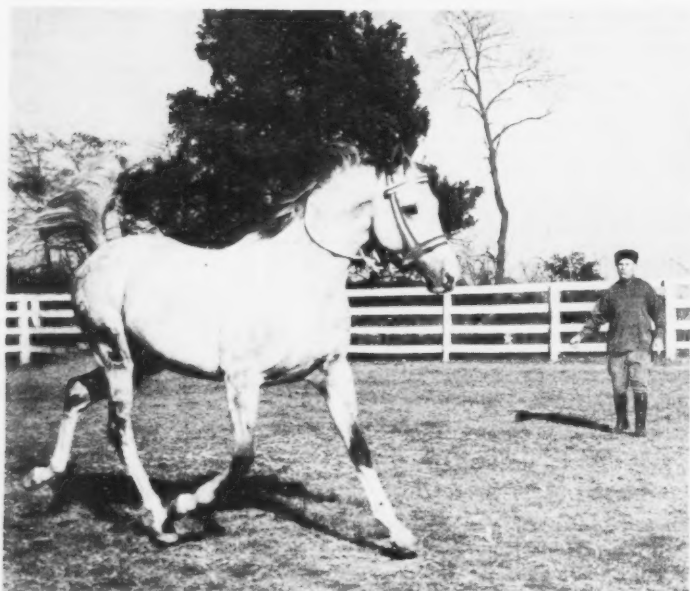


"Good morning your Lordship"--

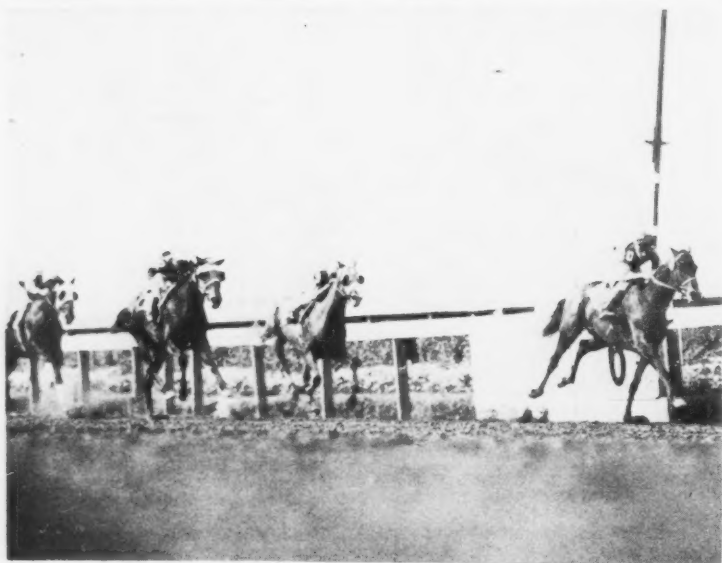
It was John's first day with hounds and John was 3. John's mother had left the dishes in the sink to keep the Old Shetland on his feet. John was taking the whole matter very seriously when out of the woods sprang his elfin young father, the Duke's earth-stopper. The little boy could scarce believe his eyes as his father made him a sweeping bow and said, "Good morning your Lordship. So glad to

see your Lordship so well mounted. Come, come, your Lordship, can't you even say good morning." This was too much for John. "Oh, Father!" he said, his small face growing pink with pleasure and a smile spreading from ear to ear. "Oh, Father, I do like hunting." "Of course you do, your Lordship", came back to the little boy as his fleet footed father ran after hounds and vanished in the vale below.

## \*Flushing II and Pilate Stand In Virginia—Washington Park's American Derby



\*FLUSHING II arrived in Virginia this past fortnight and is pictured moving briskly about his paddock under the supervision of Paul Soula, outstanding Cossack horsemen in charge of studs at Plain Dealing. This magnificent son of \*MAHMOUD will stand at Prince and Princess Dimitri Djordjadze's Plain Dealing Stud, near Scottsville, Va. He is owned jointly by Prince and Princess Dimitri Djordjadze and Herman Delman. At right is Pilate, the syndicate sire of Virginia and leading Virginia sire of 1946. He is making this season at North Wales Stud, Warrenton, Va. Hawkins Photos.



One of the great upsets and long-shot triumphs of the past season was Augustus and Nahn's ETERNAL REWARD win in the American Derby at Washington Park. The son of REAPING REWARD fairly galloped his field, which included SPY SONG, AIR RATE, ATHENE, REVOKED and PELLICLE. Pictured above is SPY SONG, #7, leading AIR RATE #5, and ATHENE, #4. Then at the winning post ETERNAL REWARD held PELLICLE, #2 and THE DUDE, #9, safe as pictured. B. F. Lindheimer, executive director of Washington Park, made the presentation to Mr. Augustus and Jockey Bobby Campbell. Washington Park Jockey Club Photos.









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## Thoroughbreds

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**125 Santa Anita Hopefuls  
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If the entry-list is any criterion, when the tenth running of the \$100,000 Santa Anita Handicap is staged on March 1 at the famous California track, the record set there last March, when the No. 9 contest took place, will be eclipsed.

On that afternoon an attendance of 80,200 was registered—the largest ever authentically known at an American race track; as, while impresario Matt Winn, whose expansiveness is outstanding, has repeatedly claimed that 100,000 or more persons attended his Kentucky Derby, nothing except that claim has ever been put forth to make it good. Hence its acceptance has remained qualified.

At New York, the "modern" record is just a bit over 60,000, held by Belmont Park and established on a Memorial Day. In years long gone it was claimed that over 100,000 people flocked to the old Union Course on Long Island (which lay within little more than a stone's throw from the present Belmont Park) to see the historic North vs South match races run there; but this, also, was never authenticated by anything like a turnstile count. So Santa Anita may be considered to hold the record until some other course can take it from her.

As stated, this promises to be a still tougher assignment than ever after March 1 next, for the entry-list for the 1946 renewal of the world's richest handicap provides a most alluring attraction.

There are 125 horses on the roster, and while only time can tell how many of the "bright particular stars" among them will go to the post, if fate is kind enough only to bring forth Assault, the "Horse of the Year" for 1946, and Armed, the champion handicap horse, low the park, capacious as it is, will be able to hold the turn-out seems problematical.

Then among the others named is the champion money-winning three-year-old filly of 1946, Honeymoon—that, in our opinion, should have also been voted, in the recent poll of experts, the best of her sex and age as well, but was passed over for Bridal Flower; whose record, to our way of thinking, is decidedly superior.

Also present is War Knight, winner of the 1946 renewal of the event in most sensational style—likewise Triplicate, winner of the \$100,000 Hollywood Gold Cup last July, when he ran a mile and a quarter in 2:00 2-5, American record time and faster than any winner at Santa Anita has yet registered.

Another star is Witch Sir, winner of the \$50,000 Stars and Stripes Handicap last July at Arlington Park, Chicago; as also of the \$30,000 Equipoise Mile, shortly before, at the same meeting, in which he defeated Armed and a large field of very fast horses.

Among the entrants not prominent in 1946 but that were very much to the fore in 1945 is the great filly Busher, the world's largest money-winning mare (\$334,035), in retirement through this past campaign but that, it is hoped, may stage a come-back in 1947.

The most recent sensation to flash, the South American invader Adroque, winner of the \$50,000 Bay Meadows Handicap, three weeks ago.

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## Hunt Meetings Organize National Group

**Ambrose Clark And Richard Mellon  
Chairmen Of Body To Promote Amateur  
Racing, Owners And Riders**

They gathered to organize at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City, December 12, and they created a committee to aid and promote an organized front of hunt race meetings in America. There were some 125 cross-country enthusiasts who voted a slate headed by F. Ambrose Clark, honorary chairman and Richard K. Mellon M. F. H., chairman, to be known as the Hunt Race Meeting Committee and numerous interesting speeches were made by those present.

Amory L. Haskell, M. F. H., and president of Monmouth Park Race Assn., graciously accepted and handled the luncheon chairmanship with his customary dignity and ability. Mr. Haskell read some 10 letters from patrons of 'chasing who could not attend and then called upon certain gentlemen who had been asked to make some constructive recommendations to the gathering.

The committee was formed and a unanimous vote from the floor recognized it as a body. This committee was as follows: F. Ambrose Clark, Honorary Chairman; Richard K. Mellon, Chairman; Harry Kirkover, Executive Chairman; William C. Hunneman, Jr., Secretary; Rufus C. Finch, Treasurer.

An executive committee of the above Executive Officers included the president of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Assn., F. Skiddy von Stade; president of the United Hunts Racing Assn., Lewis E. Waring; president of the Masters of Foxhounds Assn., W. Plunket Stewart, M. F. H.; president of the American Horse Shows Assn., Amory L. Haskell and George Brooke III; George Strawbridge; Algernon S. Craven Sr.; Harold E. Talbott.

In addition to a large general committee a regional committee was formed of gentlemen interested in hunt meeting racing who are sufficiently enthusiastic and influential to promote the major policies of the Hunt Race Meeting Committee in the field and in their locality. These included: Harold E. Talbott, chairman, George Strawbridge, vice-chairman, W. Burling Cocks, Leonard S. Smith, M. F. H., Cornelius Bliss, Jr., H. Robertson Fenwick, William R. Clark, M. F. H., Russell Ketcham, George C. Carey, Tim W. Durant, George Shwab, Jr., John K. Shaw, Jr., M. F. H., Edward Cheston, Truman Dodson, M. F. H., Benjamin Griswold III, Mason Houghland, M. F. H., Raymond C. Woolfe, Edward Lucas, Sidney Watters, Jr., M. F. H., Earl S. Potter, Amory L. Haskell, George C. Cutting, Bayard Sharp, Edward B. Smith, Jr., Rufus and Wallach, Thomas B. Gay, Rufus Finch, Robert B. Young, Lowry Watkins, M. F. H., Frank H. Powers, Jr., Courtney Burton, M. F. H., Herbert A. May, Robert S. Waugh, M. F. H., Carter Brown, M. F. H.

A public relations committee was headed by Lewis E. Waring, chairman and Earle Potter, vice chairman. This committee will be selected by the chairman.

A race committee was designated as follows: George Brooke III, chairman, John Strawbridge, Richard Wallach, William du Pont, Jr., M. F. H., George D. Widener, George Strawbridge, John E. Cooper, W. Burling Cocks, George H. Bostwick, S. Bryce Wing, R. V. N. Gambrill and Gerald B. Webb, Jr.

Mr. Haskell explained the reason of the gathering, the result of a

meeting of some 10 men in Philadelphia who decided to hold a luncheon of hunt meeting enthusiasts on December 12. During luncheon, Mr. Haskell read letters from the following:

Gordon Perry, of Canada, who wrote of his disappointment in not being present and of Canada's interest in 'chasing and American hunt meetings.

Mrs. Marion du Pont Scott, who placed emphasis on carding the hunt meeting schedule without conflict, of obtaining an official inspector of courses who would consult and corroborate with hunt meeting committees in the construction of courses; of protecting novice riders and novice horses with especially conditioned races for them, and of creating a pool to purchase horses from South America of the class and quality of \*Grand Prince II (recent flat winner at Middleburg Hunt Meeting) for the approximate price of \$3,500 laid down in this country.

Griswold Flagg, Jr. wrote that the inducement of the small owner in the hunt meeting game was the secret of recreating the sport of yesterday and that the small owner was scared away by the competition from the big stables and horses which had performed at the big tracks. He suggested a higher scale of weights and recommended that horses be schooled more fully for hunt meeting competition.

Richard V. N. Gambrill expressed his interest in the meeting's undertaking.

Earl Potter expressed his hopes for the luncheon meetings' undertaking.

J. A. Estes (Editor, The Blood Horse, Lexington, Ky.) wished the hunt meetings well and wished to be kept in touch with developments.

Harry Kirkover of Camden, S. C., wrote he was with the luncheon meeting undertaking in spirit and agreed heartily with the objectives, which he felt highly commendable.

John Schiff and Frederick M. Warburg, close friends, both wrote with similar endorsements of the luncheon meeting, and both suggested that one of the great problems of hunt meetings today was the problem of riders. They suggested that the condition "riders be acceptable to committee" be the means of gaining riders for the hunt meetings, rather than dictating that riders must hold amateur certificates from the National Steeplechase and Hunt Meeting Assn.

Fletcher Harper, M. F. H., wished the meeting well and hoped it would accomplish great things for hunt meeting sport.

Mason Houghland, M. F. H., (Nashville, Tenn.) wrote of the success of the Iroquois Memorial Steeplechase (open to riders acceptable to the committee) and said he was in hearty accord with the undertaking of the hunt meeting luncheon.

Following luncheon, Mr. Haskell called upon W. Burling Cocks to speak on the problems of the hunt meeting trainer. Mr. Cocks brought out that the utilization of hunt meeting courses for training purposes during certain parts of the year would enable many to better prepare horses and give riders experience. He suggested that through big track cooperation, through carding races strictly for horses which had run at the hunt meetings, at Aque-

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## Letter From New York

By Paul Anthony

**Horse Appearing Again In  
New York News Over  
Mountain Of "Take" Data**

There comes now, throughout the press of the nation, the annual bit of crystal gazing. The heads of various sporting institutions, and other perhaps more important projects, rear back and take a running gaze at what the year 1947 is to bring.

So, with a rearing back, this department takes off running with a guess on racing in New York in 1947. It is the impression in this quarter that the year 1947 in racing in New York will be among the most pleasant of recent years by reason of the fact that no record will be broken in the box office. It may even be that, by midseason, the more erudite of the press will be actually discussing horses and not the fact that \$4,151,362.11 has passed through the windows of the various cashiers etc.

The days of weird spending are apparently definitely at an end. However, there is no sign yet that any drought is in the offing and it becomes apparent that horsemen in New York will have the richest purse list the sport has ever seen in its history in the state. Not until the commission announces and approves the dates of racing can the associations say much about stake plans, but this is expected in the very near future and may even be announced by the time this deathless prose sees the light of day.

However, it can safely be said that there will be no reduction of stake purses during the new season and no reduction of overnights and others. One new \$100,000 event has already been announced, Jim Butler's Empire Gold Cup with its hoped for foreign entry, and two of the older stakes at Saratoga are to go up in value, this to be announced in the very near future. Others will probably go up, but anyway, there are to be a couple of \$100,000, one \$75,000, seven \$50,000 races in the New York season, a minor item of \$625,000 as cream for the top of the bottle.

### New York To See Armed

Among the older horses, there ought to be some of the best racing in a good many years. Assault definitely proved himself going sound again before the season's close; Stymie will win some more races and Gallorette is to race one more season, anyway. It may even be that New York will see something of Armed, despite Ben Jones indisposition toward weights.

It will also be highly interesting to see whether Jock Whitney or Dick Kleberg has the best of the Bradley 2-year-olds, Blue Border now sporting the Greentree silks, Better Value the King Ranch. These were both close to the top of the two year olds in 1946. And, most assuredly, there will be a lot of fun in seeing what First Flight does. It may even be that Sonny Whitney will follow the footsteps of his father, Harry Payne, in providing a filly winner of the Kentucky Derby.

Of immediate interest is the closing date for early ones in New York. For convenience, here they are listed: Belmont Park, 1947 spring meeting The Belmont; The Coaching Club American Oaks; 1948 spring meeting stakes, National Stallion, in two divisions (colts and fillies); 1949

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## Breeders' Notes

### Whirlaway's Winnings

When Whirlaway won his Triple Crown his total winnings were just half of the value today which is close to \$300,000. Almost every stake that Whirlaway won has been increased in value, such as the Garden State Trenton Handicap jumped from \$10,000 to \$50,000. Plain Ben Jones, trainer of the remarkable world's leading money winner estimated recently that under the present scale Whirlaway's earnings would have reached some \$900,000. Calumet Stable has 5 Whirlaway yearlings in preps at Hialeah Park and John C. Clark, president of this racing plant, has one. These will be the first of the Whirlaways to race.

### The Firing Iron

Mel Eppley, and Mel Van Orman, both coming 3-year-olds, owned by Torrence Melrose, Ohio hotel man, who is now at Tropical Park supervising the conditioning of his string, left the above mentioned stakes winners at his Kentucky establishment, undergoing the firing iron.—A special daily plane service will be inaugurated this year from Palm Beach to Tropical Park by the Aaxico Co.

### Jones' Broke Even

Warner L. Jones has just obtained a half-brother to Bimelech to stand at his Hermitage Farm near Goshen, Ky., for this coming season. Broke Even is his name, a 5-year-old son of Blue Larkspur—\*La Troienne, by \*Teddy, with a fee of \$500 and return. Everyone knows of the prolific producing record of that matron of them all \*La Troienne, dam of Bimelech, Black Helen, Bee Ann Mac and others. Broke Even won \$28,065 at 2, 3, 4, and 5, and is 4 years younger than Bimelech. Mr. Jones, Jr., is still recovering from a leg-fracture suffered last summer.

### Trojan Fleet

Bobanet Stable's Trojan Fleet may not be the best horse in the Bobanet string but few are more consistent. In 15 starts in 1946 this Case Ace son placed 11 times, and in 1945 he was in the money 8 times in 14 starts.

### Leading Money Winners

The 8 leading money winning owners of the American turf of 1946 are as follows:

	Wins	2nd	3rd	
Calumet Farm	71	36	38	\$564,095
King Ranch	32	16	18	502,020
C. V. Whitney	64	37	42	489,210
Wm. Hells	63	41	49	449,390
L. B. Mayer	41	32	20	440,145
Maine Chance	31	17	25	388,920
Mrs. E. D. Jacobs	36	32	29	336,585
H. B. Headley	39	32	34	296,400

### Leading Trainer

Willie Møller, who is currently in California preparing his charges for Santa Anita racing, has a lead of 114 to 97 over Hirsh Jacobs in number of winners saddled during 1946.

### Emery's Cant Sweep

James Emery, of Chicago, is racing at Tropical Park. His broodmare Dolly Val is well known. She is in Kentucky. The 11-year-old daughter of Jean Valjean, winner of the 1940 Tropical Handicap for Mr. Emery, when Many Stings, Widener winner was back in the pack, has a foal by Andy K., and a weanling by the same sire.

### British Racing Trends

"A Special Correspondent", writing in a recent issue of "The Sporting Life", published in England, analyzed the changing tides of British racing and racing the world over. "Racing is at the beginning of a period of great transition", he wrote, and he continued: "Gradually throughout the years we have seen racing grow in importance, and from being the prerogative of the few it has developed into a great industry in which millions are invested, and in which is reflected the general prosperity of the country.... In fact, it would be almost safe to say that horseflesh is the equal of cotton and wool as a trade and financial barometer.... due to the redistribution of wealth, which also had the effect of making racing infinitely more democratic.... racing now is big business. It has its place in the counsels of the Government and the time may not be far distant when Whitehall may be having quite

a big hand in the affairs of the Jockey Club.... Because racing is fast outgrowing its former purely domestic sphere and is taking on an international importance.... Certainly we have progressed a long way from the time when horse racing was merely a diversion for the members of the Court in the days of the Stuarts.... The Jockey Club is not now merely a sporting body, but has become the virtual head of a great industry. It must employ the tactics and methods of any business organization that has the least pretensions to being considered successful."

### International Racing

With horses being transferred from one country to another these days, so much as you would move them with the wave of a wand, international racing is just around the corner. Then comes the natural controversy which but naturally will arise with various nations' horses attempting to run over foreign tracks. A recent British visitor pointed out the exacting test of a horse that the Epsom Derby course represented. No where in America, with the exception of some of the hunt meeting courses, is there a similar test, with up and down hill running, on turf and around sharp corners. What England has on the United States in a test for horses the American plants have off-set in adequate layouts at which the pub-

lic can survey all that transpires in a race. America will no doubt take the lead in International races, at least in so much as organizing, carding and promoting such. It will be the betting public which will make these races possible with vast purses in this country and this public would not patronize a race which was not held at one of our more modern plants, with all the plush of turf clubs, grandstands, restaurants and mutuel machines. In consequence the American International races must be run on our dirt "turf", a handicap to all foreign invaders. However, should there be an International Cup put up for racing which calls for renewals in different countries, England, France, England, the Argentine, Australia, each nation's horses would have their advantages in turn, of performing under accustomed conditions. The Briton believes that no other course in the world is as severe and all-embracing a test of a horse than Epsom and he also believes there is no better galloping anywhere than at Newmarket, Ascot and Doncaster.—American fixtures, with all tracks of such similarity in surfaces, will doubtless be held first at the course with the most enterprising racing executives, who are willing to put up the mostest to get the bestest from world's leading stables.

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### \*VEJETE

#### Argentine Stakes Winner With New Bloodlines For Eastern Breeders

\*Vejete introduces to American blood-lines names in pedigrees which are a natural out-cross to pedigrees in the United States. He descends in tail-male from St. Simon, the most prominent tail-male line in South America for years. Craganour was a leading sire in Argentina and his son Tanner, a stakes winner in two seasons, achieved prominence in the stud as the sire of many stakes winners, including the crack race horse and leading sire Parlanthin.

\*Vejete was bred to seven mares last season—all seven are in foal.

#### New Names — Top Names

	Craganour	Desmond	St. Simon
Tanner		Veneration II	L'Abbesse de Jouarre
		Lavaro	
		Admiration	
		Le Samaritain	Le Sancy
		Caricia	Dau. of Roicrucian
		Wagram	
		Caprichosa	
		Galopin	
		Scotch Agnes	
		Osteria	Orvieto
		Cheap Loaf	
		Stiletto	Beaudesert
		Hurl	Maud Victoria
			Gay Hermit
			Bandana

Year	Age	Sta.	1st	2nd	3rd	Purses
1937-38	2	4	3	1	0	18,000
1938-9	3	11	5	2	1	26,054
1939	4	5	1	0	3	12,150
		20	9	3	4	57,804

\*Vejete's "clasicos," or stakes, victories were in the Premios Santiago Luro, Luis Maria, Manuel F. Gneco, and General Alvear.

#### Fee \$500—Live Foal

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### HEATHER BROOM

#### Stakes Winning Son of The Porter From Famous Frizette Family

Heather Broom won the Blue Grass Stakes (defeating Third Degree, Nash, etc.), Saranac Handicap (at top weight), Equipose Handicap (by five lengths, 1 1/4 miles in 1:50), third in Kentucky Derby (to Johnstown and Challedon), Empire City, and Albany Handicaps.

At two he won several races in very fast time, including five furlongs in 1:00 3/5, 5 1/2 furlongs in 1:06.

#### Old Names — Proved Names

	Sweep	Ben Brush	Bramble
The Porter		Pink Domino	Roseville
		Domino	
		*Belle Rose	
		St. Leonards	*St. Blaise
		*Cerito	Belladonna
		*Ogden	Lowland Chief
		Lady Sterling	Merry Dance
		*Sweeper	Kilwarlin
		Frizette	*Oricle
			Broomstick
			*Ravello II
			Hamburg
			*Ondulee

Heather Broom is a son of the leading sire The Porter and is out of a granddaughter of the great producer of top-class stakes winners and leading sires, Frizette. His pedigree combines the highest-class names in the American Stud Book—Ben Brush, Domino, Sir Martin, Hanover, Frizette.

Heather Broom is the sire of the stakes winner Paper Mill (Newport Stakes and 3rd in Miles Standish Stakes), Heath Broom (equal track record in first start, 4 1/2 furlongs in :54), Scotch Dot, Cadency, Heather Girl, Mr. Zip, Dark Heather, Senator C., Lady Leopa, Copper Boy.

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		*Golden Harp
	Pennant	Peter Pan
		*Royal Rose
	Ballet	Ben Brush
		Coppelia

MR. BONES was winner of six races, including The Swift Stakes and The Dwyer. He was also second to Granville in The Belmont Stakes.

Sire of the stakes winners Caribou (New York Handicap), Burnt Cork (Prairie State Stakes and other races) and Dockstader (Pimlico Nursery, Diamond State Stakes) as well as a number of other winners.

MR. BONES, whose sire \*Royal Minstrel begot many very speedy horses, is a son of the stakes winner Rinkey, a daughter of the great broodmare sire Pennant, who is grandam of the stakes winners The Rhymers, and Sweep Singer.

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### "Come On Drop Dead"

Down at the Gables Racing Assn., Tropical Park, is a George Smith, Newark, N. J., real estate man who commenced his racing string of today with a gift of a horse, Hard Cracker, to his wife as a 27th wedding anniversary present. Hard Cracker raced in Mrs. Smith's colors, now there are some dozen running in the Smiths' colors. Gorget is considered their best of this year. Mose Shapoff is trainer. Mr. Smith wants to give Mrs. Smith some yearlings for next anniversary present and name one of them "Drop Dead". Said Mr. Smith: "I want to hear 50,000 people yelling: 'Come on, Drop Dead'."

### Glenwood Farm

The name Glenwood Farm kept cropping up at the Keeneland Fall Sales and many asked of this establishment. B. F. Spach, of Long Island, is the owner of this expanding stable. He is currently in Florida where his Turnplate and Miss Viking recently were in the money at Tropical Park.

### Didn't Want To Work

Because he liked horses Ed Snyder, who has 14 horses in Florida at Tropical Park for Owner T. P. Morgan, Texas oil man, took up training Thoroughbreds to race because he "didn't want to work". Ohio-born, he left the farm at 14 because "That farm life didn't look good to me". As a trainer he has enjoyed his share of successes, having at one time or another trained for such prominent owner as C. V. Whitney and William Helis. During these periods he handled the first foal of the great mare Top Flight, Sky Raider by name (Mr. Whitney's). Sky Raider never measured up to his advance notice and neither did Pericles, Mr. Helis' \$66,000 "lemon", which practically became a household word and finally proved a triumph of patience for Mr. Helis when he won this past season.

### British Briefs

The volume of money passing through the book makers and the mutuels in every race in England during the past season was many times greater than 1935. Attendances fell off as the season went on.—The season will be forever memorable for the French-bred horses' triumphs—most of these were stayers, notably Caracalla II by Tourbillon and Souverain by Maravedis. The latter is considered one of the greatest horses to race over British turf in many decades. He won the newly and richly endowed King George VI Stakes in "run-away style", beating Airborne, the Derby and St. Leger winner, as well as the best distance horse developed in post-war England racing.—Whereas the French stayers prospered the English sprinters took the invaders' best efforts and still turned them back. The Bug, bred in Ireland by Signal Light, out of a Flying Orb mare, and Honeyway by Fairway, were the top of the sprinting lot.—Photo finish cameras came to England in 1946 and were heartily endorsed both by the betting public and by owners and trainers.

### "Fairway"—British

"Fairway", British Turf columnist writing recently of M. Marcel Boussac's efforts to get his French-bred horses recognized in the British General Stud Book, had this to say: "Some of the best French blood is barred from the British General Stud Book, which he (M. Marcel Boussac) regards as 'illogical and disturbing'. Chief reason is that such horses as Caracalla II, Djebel and Goya have American pedigrees, traced back to Durbar, and other American Thoroughbreds taken over by M. Boussac from the American owner, Mr. Duryea, following his death in France shortly after the first world war. M. Boussac is not optimistic concerning his efforts, any more than Americans have been. I think it should be realized the General Stud Book is BRITISH".—On Dec. 10 the application of M. Boussac to include his stallions in the British Stud Book was rejected by the keepers of the index, Weatherby and Sons. If his horses had been accepted it would have opened the wedge wide for American entreaties.

### England's Leading Sires

Hyperion with 32 horses winning 58 races and 52,960 pounds led the English sire list for 1946. Precipitation, sire of Airborne, with 14 horses winning 24 races and 29,926 pounds was 2nd. Fairway, with 20 horses winning 44 races and 28,636 was 3rd and Fair Trail, with 35 horses winning 58 races and 26,356 pounds led Nearco with 25 horses winning 37 races for 22,892 pounds for 4th place. Other leading sires in order were Colombo, Signal Light, Bobsleigh, Mieuxee, Gold Bridge, Foxhunter and Sir Cosmo. Frank Butters with 31 horses winning 60 races and 46,140 pounds was the leading trainer. F. Darling, J. L. Jarvis and Capt. C. Boyd-Rochfort were 2nd, 3rd and 4th.

### Leading Horses In England

Airborne, Derby and St. Leger winner, a 3-year-old, with winnings of 20,346 pounds in 5 races led all other horses in England during the past season. Happy Knight and Gulf Stream, also both 3-year-olds, were his contenders, with the 2-year-old Tudor Minstrel the top juvenile with 4 winning efforts and 8,156 pounds and Petition, also a 2-year-old close with 4 wins and 7,740 pounds.

### Errington Year Around

Dr. B. J. Errington, has been appointed as track veterinarian for Santa Anita and Hollywood Park by

Carleton F. Burke, director of racing at Santa Anita and J. F. Mackenzie, general manager at Hollywood Park. During the "off" season Dr. Errington will donate his services to the California Breeders' Assn. In the past 4 years he has been resident veterinarian at Louis B. Mayer's Perris Thoroughbred nursery.

### Buzzfuz And Let's Dance Flight

Two of the best sprinters in Florida will fly across United States to California for a crack at the \$50,000 San Carlos Handicap, Santa Anita's New Year's Day race feature. Buzzfuz, winner of 2 stakes this season and 3 in 1945, won the Fall Highweight Handicap at Belmont under the sobering impost of 132 lbs. Dan Chappel is co-owner of this pair, which race in the name of Sunshine Stable, a name which should please the California climate enthusiasts.

### 18,000 Mares And Geldings

Officials of UNRRA have advised the U. S. Department of Agriculture that the purchase of 18,000 mares and geldings will complete the procurement in the U. S. of utility draft animals for European countries. There are no further purchases anticipated by the Department. Total utility draft animal purchases by the Department for the account of UNRRA since January 1, 1946 is almost 164,000 head.

### Elre To California

Six Irish Thoroughbreds were recently flown two-stop from their native heaths to Santa Anita Park, Arcadia, California. Mrs. Ann Peppers purchased these horses which included \*Sir Laurence, \*Sullivan, and \*Middle Abbey, all 2-year-olds and \*Dunboy, \*Great Faith and \*Ragamuffin, all 3-year-olds. Charles T. Leavitt, trainer for E. B. Johnston and the man who saddled War Knight in his Santa Anita Handicap \$100,000 win last March, was in charge. A specially fitted DC-4 American Overseas Airliner did the trip in 35 hours and 19 minutes, elapsed time. The actual flying time was 30 hours and 45 minutes. They left Shannon, Elre on Nov. 26 at 3 P. M., and arrived at Burbank, Calif., on Nov. 28 at 2:19 A. M. with one other stop in St. Joseph, Mo. Horses were shipped 2-abreast, in customary shipping bandages and secured by surcingles, attached to either side of their stalls. All horses are already in training at Santa Anita. They were first galloped on Dec. 2 and two breezed on Dec. 3 and 5.—\*Middle Abbey had raced in Liverpool a few days before flying the Atlantic. He had crossed to Elre from England by boat and was loaded straightway into the plane.—All horses' faeces became normal within 2 days, after being administered 1-2 pint mineral oil (dose syringe).

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## Offers For Sale

### SIX BROODMARES

### Marquecade

Bay mare 1942

By \*Blenheim II—Blue Marque by Blue Larkspur.

This is the family of Toro, Easter Stocking, Aneroid, Hurry Off and other good stakes winners. Marquecade is in foal to \*Chrysler II, sire of Ellis, East, Lets Dance and etc.

\$5,000

### Blue Marque

Bay mare 1934

By Blue Larkspur—Martinique by Blue Ensign.

Blue Marque is a half-sister to the winners Hymarque and Maechance, out of Martinique, winner of 13 races and \$28,402.

Barren

\$7,000

### Tetravalent

Bay mare 1940

By \*Gino, sire of stakes winners whose get in 1945 alone won \$104,792.

Dam—Suntica, winner of \$31,345.

Tetravalent is in foal to Ramillies, winner of \$24,865.

\$6,500

### The Beasel

Brown mare 1927

By Sunspot—\*Antopodes, by Roi Herode.

The Beasel won \$52,825 in her racing career, dam of Boon On, winner of \$16,265, Arthur J., winner of \$15,595 and etc.

Barren

\$3,500

### Imp. Asteria

Brown mare 1930

By Asterus out of \*Frizelle by \*Durbar II.

This is the family of Devil's Thumb of Vagrancy, Tourbillon and other great French and American winners from Frizette; and is half-sister to the stakes winner Count Atlas and Orlando. \*Asteria is in foal to \*Hyperionion.

\$6,000

### Sun Miss

Bay mare 1928

By \*Sun Briar out of \*Missinalbi by Rochester.

Sun Miss is dam of the winners Lucky Omen, Miss Gino, Elmada, Maple Queen and Sun Lamp.

Barren

\$4,000

## HUNT MEETINGS

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duct, Belmont, Delaware Park, Pimlico, Laurel and Saratoga and through getting the N. S. and H. A. to waive maiden wins at the hunt meetings that great strides would be accomplished for both big track chasing and hunt meeting racing.

Richard Wallach, in speaking of the rider problem, brought out that long races with high weights would do much to encourage more owners to ride and more amateurs to appear in hunt meeting contests. He also emphasized that "riders acceptable to the committee" would enable more trainers and owners to find riders.

George Brooke III, speaking of the problems of owners, brought out the background of hunt meeting sport and of how owners rode. He suggested that races carded to bring out such competition again would be most beneficial to sport.

Gerald B. Webb, Jr., representing the provisional Philadelphia meeting's committee on race conditions read conditions for a proposed series of novice timber, novice brush and "bumper" races of 2 miles on the flat for amateur riders. He prefaced his remarks with an explanation that the most important and potent means of stimulating hunt meeting racing was to obtain a series of similar races for novice horses which announced well in advance, would allow owners to point their horses for. It would be necessary to get the agreement of the various hunt meetings to card such races so that the series would be assured, spring and fall. He brought out that the ideal solution would be to persuade the United Hunts to underwrite these novice races, that these novice races could be known as the "United Hunts Novice Races". He suggested a series of 10 each, with \$1,500 purses for the timber and brush and \$1,000 for the "bumper" 2 mile flat be carded totaling \$40,000.

The condition of these races were as follows:

**NOVICE TIMBER RACE.** Purse \$1,500 and trophy, for 4-year-olds and up, non-winners over timber, point-to-points excepted. Horses to be named as of March 1, 1947. Distance about 3½ miles. Weight 175 lbs. For riders acceptable to the committee. Owner riders allowed 10 lbs. Customary rider allowances. Net value to winner: 1st \$750; 2nd \$300; 3rd \$200; 4th \$125; 5th \$75; 6th \$50. Nomination fee \$10, starting fee \$5. Horses found eligible as of March 1, 1947, will be eligible thereafter through the 1947 season, regardless of further racing participation. Winners of these novice timber races will pick up 5 lbs. for each race won.

**NOVICE BRUSH RACE.** Purse \$1,500 and trophy, for 4-year-olds and up, non-winners over brush and hurdles, point-to-points excepted. Distance 2½ miles. Horses to be named as of March 1, 1947. Weight 165 lbs. For riders acceptable to the committee. Owner riders allowed 10 lbs. Customary rider allowances. Net value to winner: \$750; 2nd \$300; 3rd \$200; 4th \$125; 5th \$75; 6th \$50. Nomination fee \$10. Starting fee \$5. Horses found eligible as of March 1, 1947, will be eligible thereafter through the 1947 season regardless of further racing participation. Winners of these novice brush races will pick up 5 lbs. for each race won.

**BUMPER RACE.** Purse \$1,000, and piece of plate, for 4-year-olds and up. About 2 miles on the flat. For horses which have never won on the flat, or over brush, hurdles or timber, point-to-points excepted. To be ridden by members or subscribers of Recognized Hunts in colors. Weight 175 lbs. Riders who have never ridden 3 winners allowed 5 lbs., maiden riders 10 lbs. Owner-riders allowed 10 lbs. Net value to winner: \$450; 2nd \$200; 3rd \$125; 4th \$100; 5th \$75; 6th \$50. Horses will be nominated March 1, 1947, nomination fee \$10. Starting fee \$5. Horses found eligible as of March 1, 1947 will be eligible throughout the 1947 season regardless of further racing participation. Winners of bumper races will pick up 5 lbs. for each race won.

Mr. Webb brought out the impossibility of any given group ever agreeing on the conditions of any such revolutionary effort to revive hunt meeting races and urged that the final decision of the race committee on the series of novice races consider the fact that the above conditions had been carefully talked over with some half a hundred hunt meeting enthusiasts and these conditions had resulted in the best possible compromise. He urged that the most vital means of reviving hunt meeting racing was gaining the immediate agreement of all hunt meetings on carding the above, or similar, series of races.

Robert C. Winnill, representing Mr. Waring, President of the United Hunts Racing Assn., advised the luncheon meeting of the financial status of the United Hunts. He brought out that the United Hunts wished to contribute again to hunt meeting racing (as it has so generously done this year) and that it

could not make any commitment until a final decision was made on Government taxes now pending. A decision was said to be forthcoming within the next few months. Mr. Winnill brought out that United Hunts had been most fortunate in procuring good dates for 1947, including Columbus Day at Belmont Park.

In accepting the honorary chairmanship of the Hunt Race Meeting Committee, Mr. Clark spoke of the splendid manner that most hunt meetings were run and of the mighty financial assistance United Hunts had rendered during the reconversion year just passed. He expressed his belief that the present streamlined timber courses encouraging stakes winning class horses to contend was all wrong. He stated that the best means to revive timber racing was to slow up the pace through laying out tricky and demanding courses, with up-standing fences, calling for handy-hunter performances rather than hurdle racing efforts. "Timber courses," of today, "are groomed for speed and more speed," Mr. Clark explained, "and this is all wrong. Make the courses demand handiness and put up the weights to 165 to 185 lbs."

Mr. Clark was most emphatic about his feelings of the word "amateur" in reference to the rider of the hunt meetings. "The word amateur, in all sports, is a word that spells

fraud, because so few can afford to go around and ride. Drop the word amateur in the hunt meetings," said Mr. Clark with severe emphasis.

The new honorary chairman went on to bring out the importance of all localities having a community interest in their hunt meeting course and their racing; that the course should be kept up and that the racing should be subscribed to by the people of the community. He stated the attitude of most trainers was that they didn't want to break a maiden in hunt meeting racing but that he didn't think the N. S. & H. A. would go along with the recommendation of waiving the maiden wins at the hunt meetings for racing at the big tracks and that all owners should be encouraged to urge their trainers to

participate in the hunt meetings, in fact insist on it. He then asked to hear from John E. Cooper, secretary of the National Steeplechase and Hunt Assn.

Mr. Cooper traced back hunt meeting racing, comparing 1919 to 1946. He stated that horses used to be trained at home for the hunt meetings and now it had grown to the big time and larger training establishments. He liked the idea of the novice races and expressed his interest in raising purses in everyway possible that hunt meetings would average \$1,000 per race.

Mr. Cooper suggested that all hunt meetings should improve their organization; the means of increasing their gate, of promoting their meet-

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## 2nd Rolling Rock Point-To-Point

Seven Hunts Eligible For Pa.  
Amateur Jumping Fixture  
Of 3 Races; Grover Stephens  
Wins Feature

By Kit And Lennie Bughman  
The 2nd Annual Rolling Rock Hunt Point-to-Point Races were held on Sunday, Dec. 1. The first races were held in 1941. Members of Sewickley, Westmoreland, Harts Run, Chestnut Ridge, Rolling Rock, Frankstown and Beaufort Hunts were eligible. The races were run under the supervision of Leonard W. Bughman.

After a beautiful, balmy day on Saturday, Sunday turned out to be the antithesis. It was freezing weather with light snow blowing but still it didn't stop the sport or keep away some 500 enthusiasts who lined the course.

Mrs. C. Snowden Richards, joint-M. F. H., Sewickley Hunt, won the ladies' race. The heavyweight race was won by Alfred Hunt, Westmoreland Hunt and the feature event, the men's race was won by Grover Stephens on his Imperial Queen.

Five entries for the ladies' race faced George R. McNary of Greensburg, Pa., starter. These included the eventual winner on her June Holiday, one which she has shown and hunted throughout the past several years, Miss Evelyn Thompson, M. F. H., Chestnut Ridge, on Scattercash, Mrs. Horton S. Semple, honorary-whipper-in at Sewickley, on Quicket, Miss Elizabeth McNary of Westmoreland Hunt on Red Hazer and Mrs. Leonard W. Bughman of Rolling Rock on Pidgeon.

They were all well away at the start and going over the 3 timber jumps in front of the grandstand it was Red Hazer and Quicket alternating in the lead. Pidgeon and Scattercash bumped over the 1st but both riders regained their stirrups. Down the hill it was Red Hazer which was setting a fast pace.

As they crossed the road by the Dickie Wallachs' house the pace slackened and June Holiday took command. Through the woods and out into the field running back of the Hugh MacBains' house, they were running fairly well bunched. At the post-and-rail by the big barn Mrs. Semple was unseated but not hurt.

After crossing the road by the Dick Mellons' driveway, it became apparent that June Holiday, Scattercash, and Red Hazer were all to be the contenders, with Pidgeon, not in shape, galloping well, although back of the bridle, in 4th place. After racing across the Mellons' big field they turned onto the race course for the final jump and June Holiday was about a length ahead of Scattercash. June Holiday jumped big and gained another length. Miss Thompson persevering, started closing it up as they drew near the finish. She went to her bat but Mrs. Richards, riding a beautiful race, her first, managed to cross the line, winner by 3 lengths. Red Hazer was 3rd and Pidgeon was 4th. Time for the race was 9 minutes. The trophy was presented by Robert Waters, of Johnstown, Pa.

Miss Thompson was the only rider who had ever ridden in a race before. Enthusiasm was very high and all of the girls stated they would be on hand next year.

Four entries were away closely for the heavyweight race but this was quick to narrow down to 3 horses as A. Perry Osborn on Mrs. Osborn's Bay Ridge ran out at the 2nd fence and proceeded to run away only to be stopped about a 1-2 mile away.

Alfred Hunt on his Legendale and Herbert A. May, Jr., on his Margot Maid vied for the lead as they passed the stands the first time. Charles DuPuy, winner of the heavyweight race in 1941, had his same horse Postal Play well under raps. Down the hill and across the road they went with Mr. May going out on top as they passed in front of the Colonial Stables.

By this time it was snowing so hard that it was impossible to discern who was leading as they came across the Mellons' long field. After they turned onto the race course

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Over the 1st fence in the Ladies' Race in the 2nd Annual Rolling Rock Hunt Point-to-Point meeting, Miss Elizabeth McNary, Westmoreland Hunt on her RED HAZAR led, with Mrs. Horton Semple, Sewickley Hunt on QUICKET 2nd. Background, l. to r.: Mrs. Leonard Bughman on PIDGEON, Mrs. Richards on JUNE HOLIDAY, Miss Evelyn Thompson on her SCATTERCASH, which took 2nd.



There was a field of 7 in the Men's Race which was won by Grover Stephens, Rolling Rock Hunt on his IMPERIAL QUEEN, beating Sidney Watters, Jr., M.F.H. Rolling Rock Hunt on SOUTHERN SOLDIER in a driving half-length finish. Over the 1st fence IMPERIAL QUEEN led the way with SOUTHERN SOLDIER 2ND. In the background can be seen the long field of Mr. and Mrs. Mellon's which provided such good galloping and, was where contestants made their moves.



Mrs. C. Snowden Richards, Joint-M.F.H. Sewickley Hunt, won the Ladies' Race on her good hunting hunter and show hunter, JUNE HOLIDAY. In the absence of Robert Waters, donor of the trophy for the Ladies' Race, Richard K. Mellon presented the trophy to Mrs. Richards.



Alfred Hunt and LEGENDALE of Westmoreland Hunt won the Heavyweight Race (195 lbs.) by approximately 3 lengths in blinding snow, beating Herbert A. May, Jr., on MARGOT MAID.

## The Story Of A Painting

**James Pollard Paintings Stored For Lack Of Buyers Now Priceless Gems Of Sporting Art Sought By Collectors**

By Murdo Morrison

Those reinsmen who have felt the stern joy of guiding a four-in-hand must thereafter have a pleasurable excited eye when examining coaching prints by Pollard. They are, as a rule, of a type that the observer himself should enjoy tooling along the road. The horses are gay, usually in conventional action and the coach colors are choicely blended. They are stylish outfits those Pollard impressions.

I had hoped, at a time before Pollard's work became fashionable and costly, to own at least one of his original coaching views. I almost did own one of the best of his small oils. For a few minutes it was a near possession. The details of its escape from me point a moral. That incident and its lesson, however, belongs farther on in this story.

Some years back, when the late Carl G. Fisher was creating a sporting environment at Montauk Point, he had, as one of the lesser elements in the scene, a road coach and four. It was a duty of mine to handle this vehicle over the hills and dales of the ten thousand acre development and at an occasional horse show.

One Sunday morning, while the church bells were ringing, I was exercising the leaders to a skeleton brake and maybe I shouldn't have been doing that on a Sabbath, but anyway after going a short distance from the stables I pulled up by a roadside cottage to chat a few moments with one of the resort's summer visitors—Edward Crozier of Philadelphia, Mr. Crozier, once a noted horseman of both the road and the show ring, had, I suppose, more than a common interest in the turnout for it was he who had shown me what intricacies there were in handling the whip and maneuvering a four-in-hand.

I had a wary hold of a rogue on the near side, a gray gelding constantly in need of watching. I took the liberty of slackening the rein and turning my head, while talking to Mr. Crozier, and in that moment the gray horse nuzzled off his bridle. It fell to his chest, ironwork and all, and a second later he and his mate were moving at a gallop, down a hill out of control. Collision with passing cars seemed almost certain if I allowed the horses to go on and cross the main highway. Reaching for the couplings I got the utmost purchase on the off-side horse and making my desperate best of this I aimed the shining goose-neck of the pole at the center of a six foot boulder. It stood just off the roadway, formidable looking, a short distance ahead.

The boulder of course didn't budge an inch and the whole equipage was instantly wrecked. The horses made a safe and clean job of freeing themselves after some frantic kicking. Their driver, according to Mr. Crozier's observation, was catapulted in an arc of at least twenty feet.

Another witness of the mishap—Lee Allwell (then publisher of the New York Journal) surveyed the debris, expressed astonishment at my escape and bundling me into his car kindly took me home. Minor injuries laid me up for a few days. Meanwhile those runaway leaders were freshening still more but of that I had no worry whatever for the hours were being unnoticeably beguiled by a thick absorbing book—Reminiscences Of A Savage—the biography of Edward Ward, an English historical painter who, by the time he had come to write his memoirs, had earned considerable distinction as an annual exhibitor at the Royal Academy. A good portion of Mr. Ward's recollections recounts his association with members of The Savage Club, mostly noted figures in the world of art and letters.

In going over the happenings of his early days he tells of living penuriously in a country cottage and of being visited one day by the village butcher who gave him the name as Pollard. On seeing Mr. Ward at his easel the butcher said that he was

sorry to see a man, in apparent robust health, engaged in such an unprofitable trade. "My old grandfather," said the butcher, "daubed on canvas all his life without making any money. We had to keep him in bread and butter for years. All he left as a legacy is a collection of unsalable pictures of coaching. They are stored as so much lumber in an outhouse behind my shop."

Mr. Ward called at the butcher's and examined the paintings. Each was signed James Pollard. Considering his own ambitions and his present frugal circumstances Mr. Ward felt anything but encouraged by the public's neglect of these fine specimens of sporting art.

When my injuries were healed and Ward's book finished, I went in search of a skeleton brake to put the roguish leaders to work. I found a brake, one of Brewster build, at the stable of an estate near Southampton. The place was in the care of a pensioned coachman who had grown old and feeble in the service of the family. He had, I imagine, once been head of an elaborate establishment. I gather that opinion from the vastness of the stable buildings with its countless empty stalls, and fine pine panelling and massive brass ornaments. I wandered around the ballroom-like coach house and saw, scattered here and there, a coach horn, breeches trees, whip racks and such ancient-like oddments from a bygone world.

I bought the brake for almost a song and in addition some odds and ends likely to be useful in a stable. While rummaging around I came across a heap of choice sporting pictures. A dozen or more in prints, a few were done in oils. Among the latter was a coaching scene by Pollard of a size, say twelve by eighteen.

On this discovery I didn't conceal my enthusiasm. I expressed it freely and offered to buy the painting. The coachman up to this point in our dealings, had shown eagerness to sell everything portable, from halters to carriages, saying it was the order of the heirs now living abroad. Suddenly he seemed hesitant to make any further disposal of the stable properties. A lawyer was now brought into the proceedings. He would have to be consulted about the sale of the pictures. However, the painting I wanted could probably be bought for twenty dollars. He would suggest such a price and let me know by telephone if it were approved. This was said in a grateful tone to make me feel pleased at the capture.

That old coachman undoubtedly placed a hasty enhancement to the painting after listening to my hearty appraisal of Pollard's accuracy in colorful detail.

I doubted the existence of the legal arbiter and made my way out of the stable moralizing never again to make commendable remarks in front of a good thing for sale, be it horse or painting.

A week passed and no word came from Southampton about the picture so I made a call. I was given evasive excuses. I later made another anxious visit and again was given no satisfaction. Finally, on another

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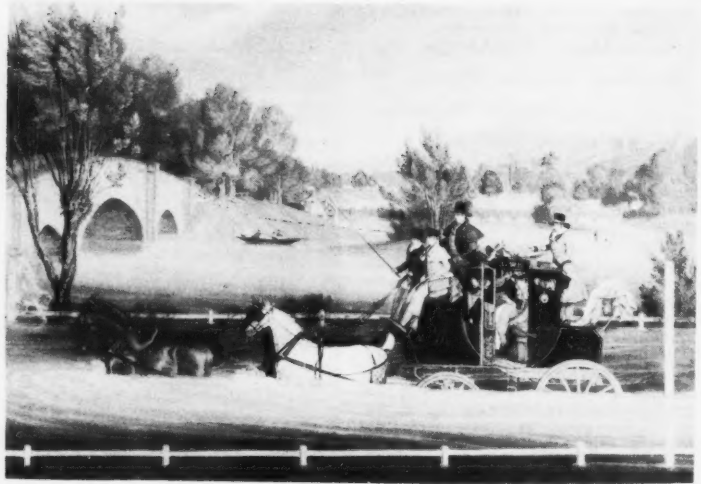
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visit, I found the place locked, barred and deserted.

By the late thirties, and that was a few years after the Southampton episode, Pollard's coaching scenes were being eagerly sought by collectors. Their price went up; soared as if all the connoisseurs of sporting art had read the butcher's statement in Ward's book and now, saddened and commiserate, were trying generously to honor the memory of the poor coaching artist.

In those years, now and again, I saw Pollard's work on insular display in select art stores. Indeed, I might even have been on the hunt for one of those gems when I hurried along 57th Street on a spring afternoon and tried to pass Ackermann's Galleries. I couldn't go on, well, not just at the moment, for in the window was a striking painting by Gilbert White. The composition showed a coach and four being slowed up to allow a few trailing fox hounds to cross a roadway. A huntsman, partly over the roadside decline, was casting a chiding eye over his lingering charges. The coach leaders were pulling up a trifle and with a half-open mouth and an inward inclination of the head had slack on the traces. The sun came over a cloudbank and glinted on the wheel spokes. Everyone in the picture, huntsman, coachman, passengers, all but the foxhounds, seemed alert and concerned. The paint-

ing was in the bright modern vein; an exquisite piece of art.

I had been there feasting on its opulent features for perhaps as long as ten minutes when a salesman came from the store and talked to me about the painting. It was priced, he said, at twelve hundred dollars.

After exchanging a little conversation the salesman invited me indoors. I warned him that he might consider it a waste of time, as I wasn't even a tentative customer. That didn't make any difference, he said. So I followed him into the gallery, down to the basement, into a sort of vaulted room containing tiers of vertical slots. Each held a painting. He obviously knew the subject hidden in every slot. As he took out a painting he mentioned little salient secrets around their existence; quiet, casual sale words bestowing an aura of romance.

He went from one to another, moving a few feet, or a yard or two, extracting treasure after treasure, an Alken, Ferneley, Stubbs, Herring, one or another of the great delineators of the sporting scene.

"Here's a Pollard," he said, carefully taking out a framed coaching picture.

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## Hunt Meetings Group

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ing, gaining income from advertising in programs, memberships, subscriptions. He brought out the need of a better press for hunt meetings, setting up a central news office, grouping advertising and publicity and felt that the Hunt Race Meeting Committee might well be the answer to all this.

Harold E. Talbott spoke of the recent poll accomplished at the big tracks and the higher percentage of the general public interested in "chasing than most people know. He recommended that hunt meetings should organize and consolidate their efforts in advertising and promotion. He then called on Nelson Dunstan, nationally known turf writer and columnist of the Morning Telegraph and Daily Racing Form.

Mr. Dunstan related how he had seen things in "chasing at the big tracks which had made him wince but that he and the general public, who watched race after race of 6 furlongs said: "Thank God for steeplechasing," when the card included one. He was most forceful in bringing out that the hunt meeting publicity releases were usually badly written and that if such news was to make lineage in the big daily papers it had to be live, virile and properly handled. "Some hunt meeting publicity releases come to me in almost the form of an apology," he explained.

Richard K. Mellon, in accepting the chairmanship of the Hunt Race Meeting Committee for 1947 stated he wished to do everything in his power to help the game during his term in office and called on Stacy B. Lloyd, Jr. who, as publisher of The Chronicle, had done so much to help organize this original meeting.

Edward Brennan, well known handicapper and general manager of Monmouth Park, a man who has had years of experience in the "chasing game and hunt meetings was called upon to speak from the floor. He endorsed the conditions of the novice races; he encouraged the scheduling of hunt meetings without date conflicts; he encouraged a series of races for non winners and maidens; stated that a concerted effort should be made to get new owners into the game and felt that properly approached the big tracks might very probably card races for hunt meeting horses, and especially that the big tracks should be encouraged not to card conflicting races of similar conditions on dates of hunt meeting racing.

Mr. Brennan felt that hunt meetings could help themselves a lot through going out of their way to make owners, riders and trainers feel at home and that the racing secretary should be responsible for getting entries to run. He endorsed the condition of "riders acceptable to committee" and encouraged point-to-point racing as a feeder to the timber cup races.

William C. Hunneman, Jr., in accepting his position of secretary for the Hunt Race Meeting Committee, brought out that it would be essential to raise approximately \$2,500 to properly support the Hunt Race Meeting Committee and to enable it to act strongly for the promotion of hunt meeting racing. He suggested that \$100 to \$200 per hunt meeting be subscribed to underwrite the Hunt Race Meeting Committee, (hereafter to be known in abbreviation as H. R. M. C.) and that everyone present should spearhead the general policies of this promotional body.

Thomas B. Gay, representing Deep Run Hunt Races, immediately rose from the floor to endorse Mr. Hunneman's proposal and suggested that Deep Run would be willing to make its contribution of \$100 to \$200. Carter Brown, M. F. H., (Tryon, N. C.) who is interested in promoting a 1st annual race meeting at Tryon this spring, made the first contribution to the fund of \$50, which was also added to by spontaneous contributions from Jack Grabosky, George Toomey, David D. Odell, Allan Hirsh and Truman Dodson.

Alexander Mackay-Smith, M. F. H. of Blue Ridge Hunt and an associate editor of The Chronicle, speaking from the floor told the meeting the example of point-to-points should be followed by the hunt meetings and that the increase in popularity of

## Letter From New York

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Autumn meeting, Futurity. Saratoga Association, 1947 races, The Hopeful, United States Hotel, Grand Union Hotel and The Spinaway.

All these to close January 15.

### United Gate

It appears likely the new season in New York will also see a new starting gate in use. The United Gate, tried for the first time at Tropical Park in Florida, is expected to be installed at New York.

This is the gate designed with the aid of George Cassidy, who has been starting in New York and Florida for a good many years, and embodying several changes expected to provide for better starts, more safety to riders and horses.

It is also highly probable that the moving picture patrol system will remain in force for another year. This was generally satisfactory last year and may even be carried to that last pillar of non-mechanics, Saratoga, in another season.

this kind of racing while entries in hunt meetings fell off was ample proof that point-to-points were on the right track in encouraging new owners and riders.

Following the meeting a color film of the 1946 Maryland Hunt Cup was shown.

toga, in another season.

Otherwise the same, thank you. Looking forward to a season in which the horse will come out from behind the mountain of dollars, and the crystal gazing will be disposed of for the time being.

## Thoroughbreds

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is, of course, nominated.

So is Knockdown, winner of the \$100,000 Santa Anita Derby of 1946. Likewise those splendid fillies Athene and Athenia; Happy Issue, winner of the Hollywood Gold Cup of 1944; that lightning-fast mare, Be Faithful; and so on and on through a list which, in quality, can

only be denominated as surpassing.

Of course it is a long while, comparatively speaking, between now and next March, and during that interval no surprise can be felt if more than one of these candidates should fall by the way under the ordeal of the preparation for such a contest. But again—

During the same interval, as the great meeting at Santa Anita pursues its way, with its many other rich stakes and purses to be decided, it is not at all unlikely that from among the long list of entrants today not claiming a place in the spot-light there should emerge more than one which will be elbowing those already occupying places in that coveted circle and threatening to crowd them out!

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Season of 1947

Speed---

## LOCHINVAR

---Stamina

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**LOCHINVAR**  
Bay, 1939

Case Ace	*Teddy	Ajax
	Sweetheart	Rondeau
Quivira	Display	Ultimus
	Careful	*Humanity
		Fair Play
		*Cicuta
		*Wrack
		Mindful

Thence back to Piping Peg—No. 23 Family.

LOCHINVAR, a horse of brilliant speed, withal had stamina of the greatest. During his short racing career he was winner of 11 races and \$57,365, placing second 7 times, four times third.

LOCHINVAR, a winner at 2, was a stakes winner at 3 and at 4. At 3, he won the Kent Stakes, was second in the Withers and Empire City Handicap, and third in the Belmont and Dwyer.

At 4, he won the Quaker City Handicap (defeating BOYSY), the Merchants' and Citizens' Handicap run at Belmont Park, setting the track-record of 1:55 for 1 3/16 miles, and beating FIRST FIDDLE, BOYSY, CORYDON, etc.

CASE ACE, sire of LOCHINVAR won the Arlington Futurity, Illinois Derby, etc. He is the sire of the brilliant PAVOT, the stakes winning ACE CARD, HURRIETTE, and other good winners.

**FEE: \$300, and return**

## AIRFLAME

**AIRFLAME**  
Brown, 1934

Ariel	Eternal	Sweep
	Adana	Hazel Burke
Flamante	Flamboyant	Adam
	*Flaminta	Mannie Himyar
		Tracery
		Simonath
		Sunstar
		Tiberia

AIRFLAME, a well balanced, medium sized, solid colored brown, won 22 races, placed second 6 times and 8 times third. AIRFLAME could win with brilliant speed both on fast and off tracks.

AIRFLAME set a World's Record as a juvenile, running three furlongs in .33 flat. He also holds the Saratoga track record of 1:23 1/5 for seven furlongs. AIRFLAME'S stakes wins include the Juvenile Championship, Mayflower and Tremont Stakes and the Carter, Wilmington and American Legion Handicaps.

AIRFLAME comes from a line of sires noted for their brilliant speed and precocity. His get are showing similar speed and also have the stamina required to carry their speed over a distance.

AIRFLAME has sired a high percentage of winners from a limited number of starters. His winners include Lee Circle, Periair, Airy Acres, Flamare, Air See, More Flame, Flaming Pansy, etc.

**FEE: \$200, and return**

**APPLY: JOHN PONS, Manager**

## The Art Of Shoeing Horses

**A Horse's Balance Comes With Properly Shod Feet; Toe Weights Often Added To Smoothen Gait And Lengthen Strides In Trotters**

By "Sulky"

One of the more important skills which is utilized in the "making" of a trotter or pacer is that of shoeing. In this era of atomic power not to mention motor cars and other engine-driven vehicles, the blacksmith has all but disappeared from the scene; yet his place is a highly essential one where harness racing is concerned.

In addition to making shoes of all types and weights for the trotters, blacksmiths are frequently called upon to add toe weights to the hoofs of a horse to balance his gait. In the past years before Standardbreds were the result of a scientific and carefully evolved breeding pattern, this addition of weights was an all-important point in smoothing out the gait of a trotter who was "rough-gaited."

Probably the most famous blacksmith on the Grand Circuit was Charley Snow, a native of Lexington, Ky., who started his career in 1901. During his more than thirty years of shoeing harness horses he shod such famous trotters as Peter Manning 1.56 3-4, the former world's trotting champion; Lee Axworthy 1.58 1-4, the former world's champion trotting stallion; Mr. McElwyn, 1.59 1-4; Napoleon Direct 1.59 3-4, the sire of the present fastest harness horse, Billy Direct 1.55; and at least four Hambletonian winners: Isosola's Worthy in 1927; Calumet Butler in 1931; Mary Reynolds in 1933, and Rosalind in 1936.

Snow served his apprenticeship with a top-flight shoer of the times, Billy King at the old Charter Oak Park, Hartford, Conn. Then he went

with Edward F. (Pop) Geers, the "Grand Old Man of the Trotting Turf" and stayed with him until Geers' death in 1924 at Wheeling, W. Va. Next turned to shoeing trotters for Ben F. White and his stable.

As a top hand at balancing horses with proper shoes and toe weights, Snow's ability was never challenged. For Geers, he always shod horses with swedge shoes all around. They were light in weight with a long foot, both of which were according to Geers' orders. "A red fox is the fastest animal," Geers would say. "He has long, sharp nails for digging in and a horse should be shod likewise." Snow credited Geers' success with harness horses to this shoeing formula.

As a rule, trotters which can go a mile in 2.10 can gain about two seconds in speed by having their strides extended one inch according to the Snow theory. The stride is lengthened by placing toe weights on the extreme edge of the front hoofs forcing the horse to throw his foot higher and farther. Most harness racers carry eight ounce shoes in front, four ounce shoes behind where the driving power of the horse is located. Snow pointed out the technique of using toe weights by comparing them to rubbers on a man. A man with rubbers always steps higher than one without them.

Most of the Hambletonian winners shod by Snow were nothing fancy or tricky in the way of shoes and weights. In his opinion the plainer the shoes, the better the method. "Just use horse sense," said Snow. "It's better than any number of new-fangled ideas."

## Piedmont Fox Hounds

Upperville, Virginia

Established 1840

Recognized 1904

Master: (1931) Archibald C. Randolph, M. C.  
Hounds: American.  
Hunting: Fox.  
Colors: Scarlet, old gold collar.

One of the best runs of several seasons, with any Virginia pack, came on Tuesday, November 12, when hounds met at the Slaters'. In 2 hours and fifty minutes, hounds were running almost all but 10 minutes of this time. A boomer day it was, with the first run going straight south across the galloping, stone-wall fenced cattle country, to Rokeby Farm, where natural post-and-rail line fences abound. With this fox accounted for, it was only a matter of moments until hounds had another fox a-foot and away to the east they flew, down through the Rockburn Farm country of Hubert B. Phipps, almost to the 5-point cross-roads on the Atoka Road and thence left-handed to the William C. Langley's and back to a loss near the Paul Llewellyn farm on Goose Creek.

Horses, hounds and humans had had enough. A day was called. There was a possibility that 2 followers, riding out-side lines could have fouled the line, turned the fox. If this is true the episode could well be an example for all of the keenest to stay with staff and master.

On Friday, November 15, hounds met at old Welbourne. The morning at 7, the country was dew covered. The hot blazing sun quickly drew this off that any degree of scent had completely vanished by the 10 o'clock meeting time. Still a delightful 4 hours were enjoyed, with a grand variety of big and small walls and panels for jumping as hounds tried valiantly but vainly. A number of visitors were in the field, including Frank D. Chapot, who was riding his Chado, 6-year-old son of Roi Grey, which had scarcely shaken the tanbark from his hooves from National Horse Show working hunter rounds and A. S. P. C. A. competition. Three regulars of Monmouth County Hunt (N. J.) were down for hunting and the racing at Middleburg. Mrs. Alfred Beadleston, and the Misses Elizabeth Knapp

## Kent County Hounds

Chestertown, Maryland

Established 1931

Recognized 1934

Joint-Masters: (1931) Wilbur Ross Hubbard.  
(1938) Clifton M. Miller.  
Hounds: American.  
Hunting: Fox.  
Colors: Scarlet, orchid collar.

Kent County Hounds have been showing good sport this season. The opening meet was held on October 26. Not as many appeared in the field as were expected, because of the heavy rain that morning. It cleared just before the time for the meet and those who did come out were well rewarded for we had a good run over the best of our rolling country in the Alms House section.

On the way back, hounds found another fox and went away on it very fast, giving another good run until they checked on a concrete road. Most of the field had pulled out before this fox was found and the only ones left were Alfred Allen, who does a fine job as whipper-in, and his wife who is such an enthusiastic horsewoman, and the Master's two guests, Dr. Garlick and Bill Naylor. This group was late at the hunt luncheon given by Mr. and Mrs. Edward A. Hurd at The Reward Farm, but they enjoyed telling the others what a good day they had missed.

The following Saturday, Nov. 2, was another outstanding day. Hounds found promptly in Fannel's Branch and went away across the Ellason and Startt farms to Fancy, then on to Baker's Lane, the Fish Hatchery and beyond Militota and marked the fox to ground near Russell D'Oench's, a point of about 6 miles. That day a new member joined the field, Miss Muriel Grimes, who vanned her big horse all the way up from Easton.

Good sport of this kind has continued. We have all missed Mrs. Donald Perkins in the field since she has been laid up by a fall from a young green horse, but we hope she will soon be with us again.—W. R. H.

and Nancy Heller, Miss Heller's veteran, Flying Boy, died in the field, hunting, of a heart attack.

## Mrs. John Melville Wins 4 Out Of 5 At Rombout Trial

By Nancy B. Johnson

On Saturday, November 23, the Rombout Hunt Club, of Poughkeepsie, N. Y., held its annual hunter trials without benefit of the customary rain which has gone with the event in previous renewals. This year the rain missed our schedule by a few hours and so for once the trials were not held in the midst of a storm.

Nevertheless, the course which is always a good test for hunters, was quite slick in spots, bringing some to grief. In fact, the only rider to hit a winning streak and hold it through the day was Mrs. John M. Melville, who piloted both her own mare, Victoria M., and Mrs. Stirling Tompkins' Embargo to win four out of the five classes on the outside course. When Mrs. Melville won with Embargo she also rode her own hunter to take 2nd and when Victoria M. won the ladies' Mrs. Melville had Embargo close up in the ribbons. This last mentioned son of Bar Gold has been one of the best respected field horses at Rombout for many years. When the judges, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carver, selected him to win the working hunter class and the "First Flight Hunter Class", they picked a horse which has indeed filled hunting requirements in every way.

In the hunters under saddle, Alfred G. Allen, former M. F. H., of Fairfield County Hounds, had a nice win with his brown mare Behina, by Majority. Mr. and Mrs. Allen are locating in the Rombout County country and have become a welcome addition to the Rombout hunting fields.

The trials were run off as usual under the supervision of Rombout's popular Master, Homer B. Gray. Mr. Gray was aided by Miss Cary Sheldon of Vassar College.

Judges were Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carver, of Garrison, N. Y.

### SUMMARIES

Hunters under saddle—1. Behina, Alfred G. Allen; 2. Teddy Bear, T. Arthur Johnson; 3. Colonel Joe, Sally Newton; 4. Sun Cracker, Mrs. William Schermerhorn.

Lightweight hunter—1. Victoria M., Mrs. John M. Melville; 2. Sun Cracker, Mrs. William Schermerhorn; 3. Cherry Glow, Cynthia Cannon; 4. Excalibur, Nancy B. Johnson.

Middle and heavyweight hunters—1. Stalhtown, William Schermerhorn; 2. Embargo, Mrs. Stirling Tompkins; 3. Danny Boy, Homer B. Gray.

Ladies' hunters—1. Victoria M., Mrs. John Melville; 2. Cherry Glow, Cynthia Cannon; 3. Embargo, Mrs. Stirling Tompkins; 4. Stalhtown, William Schermerhorn.

Working hunters, long course—1. Embargo, Mrs. Stirling Tompkins; 2. Victoria M., Mrs. John M. Melville; 3. Planet, John M. Melville; 4. Cherry Glow, Cynthia Cannon.

First flight hunters, Rombout Hunter Trials Challenge Trophy. Winner judged by choice of ride to hounds—1. Embargo, Mrs. Stirling Tompkins; 2. Victoria M., Mrs. John M. Melville; 3. Sun Cracker, Mrs. William Schermerhorn; 4. Escapade, T. Arthur Johnson.

Hunt teams—1. Victoria M., John M. Melville up; Embargo, Mrs. John M. Melville up; Sun Cracker, Mrs. William Schermerhorn up; 2. Dunkirk, Dorothy Fred up; Real Irish, Eugene Lasker up; Jack McGee, Jackie Gray up.

Judges: Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carver, Garrison, N. Y.

## Boulder Brook Defeats Squadron In Westchester

**First Of A Series Of Matches Scheduled With Low Goal League In New York**

**State Indoor Polo**

by The Mallet

On Sunday, December 8th, Westchester polo enthusiasts witnessed their first local game since the Blind Brook Club's outdoor polo on the club grounds in Harrison was ended in 1942. The game was held in the large indoor ring of the Boulder Brook Club in Scarsdale, N. Y., with the home team, performing for the first time since before the war, opening it's new season with a slashing victory over the Squadron A minor team from New York City. It was the first of a series of scheduled games in the low-goal league. After the first two or three games, the members of this new Boulder Brook team are expected to be given their goal ratings.

The outcome was a very dubious question for the first and part of the second chukkers, but by the half with the score at 8-5, the finish was fairly well indicated. This game before a turnout of nearly 200 people was for Boulder Brook the culmination of a series of practice games with T. F. Gussenhoven's "Hutchinson Farms" team from New Rochelle. The final score was 17-6.

Dick Webb, as the number 1 player on the winning team, displayed some very promising playing as the youngest player in the game. Needless to say, Farish Jenkins and Al Homewood were up front with some brilliant playing also. With their minds on teamwork, this combination did a very fine job against the good defensive playing of Harry Diston, the Squadron's number 2 man, and his teammates.

After a thoroughly enjoyable game for both the participants and the spectators, the players and their families were invited to some welcomed refreshments in the Boulder Brook main clubhouse.

C. T. Chenery, the club's president, was the referee for the game, and Capt. Charlie Hart, a veteran of B. B. polo teams, has acted as the team's coach. The line-ups were as follows.

### Boulder Brook (17)

No. 1—Richard Webb  
No. 2—Farish Jenkins  
Back—Al Homewood

### Squadron A (6)

No. 1—Jerry McGhee  
No. 2—Harry Diston  
Back—Luke Travis

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## Notes From Great Britain

### Dark Cottage's Chances For The National; A Countryman Gets Into Trouble With A "View Halloa"

By J. Fairfax-Blakeborough

The stories told of quite a number of winners of the Grand National having been rescued from the shafts of cabs or milk-carts, or from the plough, are in some cases, not altogether true. If, however, Dark Cottage wins the 1947 Grand National there will be no fiction about him having been in the plough. He "did his bit" on the farm before he was ridden to hounds, and, prior to Eddie Magner, the Doncaster trainer, getting him, Dark Cottage had never been in training. True, he had won a couple of point-to-points in Ireland, carrying 14st. Magner, having just missed buying the winner of this year's Grand National because he would not spring the extra £100 asked, bought Dark Cottage with a view to winning the Liverpool race. Dark Cottage (by Cottage—L'Heure Bleu), however, is one of the biggest 'chasers in training—so big that he had to have special girths and "tack" made for him—and was not ready in time for the 1946 National. On the first occasion on which he ran in this country (it was at Catterick Bridge), Magner asked me to go with him to look at the horse and to help him to saddle him. I remember then being struck with the big, powerful gelding. When he won a three-mile 'chase the other day at Nottingham he did so in a canter, and his jockey, J. McLoughlin said he never put a

foot wrong. His next race will be in the £500 'chase at Leicester.

When Mr. R. Scrope's Lilliesleaf won at Catterick (following disqualification at Thirsk), one or two hunting men on the club stand gave resounding "holloas". The Scropes from earliest times have been prominent owners and supporters of the Turf, even in the days when Catholics were not allowed to possess a horse worth more than £5, and they had to run their racers in the names of friends. Then, as now, their racing livery was azure, gold belt, which (azure a bend or) was the subject of an historic trial in the court of heraldry. The Scropes have also time out of count, been keen on hunting, and at least twice have had their own pack at their seat, Danby Hall, near Middleham. Richard

Scrope's brother, by the way, is now Joint-Master with Lord Eldon of the South Durham Hunt.

#### Too Much Shouting

After the "holloas" from delighted hunting men at Catterick (and how few men can give a soul-inspiring view-holloa these days!), a well-known hunting yeoman farmer remarked to Lord Southampton: "I know it's wrong, and I sometimes get into trouble for it, but I've always hollloed when I've viewed a fox—and I always will!" "I know the temptation, and I love the spirit," replied Lord Southampton, "but what if it's a fresh fox?" "That's when I hear about it!" said the yeoman.

Apropos of hollloaing, when Harry Sargent was secretary of the Curraghmore Hunt in Ireland, he

drew up a list of 19 points to be observed by followers. Numbers 11 and 12 deal with hollloaing. Although they set forth what has often been urged, they put the very important matter in a nutshell and are worth quoting:

"When you hollloa a fox away you should do so from the spot he broke covert, and whenever you 'tally-ho' one in or out of covert, do so from where he was when you last saw him. The huntsman then brings hounds to the right place without delay. It is to the fox and not to you hounds are brought.

If more than one fox is afoot, do not hollloa any but the hunted fox, and if you are not certain, do not shout at all. Nothing is more baneful to hunting than changing from the hunted fox to a fresh fox."

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## Horse and Mule Meeting

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and experience. He said that it was not at all uncommon to have 75 children in a single chapter in individual communities and that the movement was growing very rapidly, and doing a great deal of good.

John O. Williams of Virginia, who is on the staff of UNRRA told of his experience in Ireland, England and Denmark this year purchasing horses for distribution by UNRRA in Poland and Czechoslovakia. He said the Irish Cob, standing about 15.0 hands and weighing from 900 to 1200 pounds was really an undersized draft horse with much finish in head, neck and shoulders, and had proved to be a very much liked horse wherever used. In England they bought some heavier horses of Shire and Suffolk breeding, which were sent to Poland and Czechoslovakia and in Denmark where they bought the largest number of horses, they acquired a great many grade draft horses of the Jutland breed, which are somewhat like a small Belgian horse. When asked why they were buying horses abroad when the United States had a surplus for sale, Mr. Williams responded that the three countries named were contributors to UNRRA, and they wanted to pay off their contributions in supplies, including horses, and that the cost of the horses shipped from this country was about the same as prices paid in Ireland, England and Denmark. When the difference in freight from interior points in the United States to Seaboard, plus cargo costs across the Atlantic, plus the expense of shipping them from various European ports to the ultimate destination, when the difference in loss was taken into account, the loss on horses shipped from the United States overseas was considerably more than the losses incurred in shipping horses from Ireland, England or Denmark because the movement was so much shorter.

Ed Heinemann, Secretary for the Washington State Horse Breeders Assn., gave a brief but interesting review of what is being done in the

state of Washington to develop a course in light horse breeding at the Washington State College at Pullman, Washington. He also mentioned what is being done by his association to encourage the 4-H Club members to embark on breeding and training some good light horses. His talk suggested lines of activity that may be carried out in other states.

After luncheon, Harry D. Linn, Secretary of Agriculture for Iowa, reviewed briefly what is being done to show draft horses in harness hitched to carts at many leading shows in Iowa, and recommended that this be adopted in many other shows as it had proved to be an extremely popular feature.

Charles W. Green of Moberly, Mo., delivered a comprehensive address on riding horses kept for pleasure use, and John A. Gorman of Laramie, Wyoming gave a practical address on riding horses—the kind cattle ranchers want. Both of these will be given publication.



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## Goldens Bridge Hounds

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Monday, November 11th, Armistice Day

A few minutes after moving off from Star Ridge we found in Star Ridge swamp. Scent did not seem to hold well. We ran around starting point for about an hour when we crossed concrete road and found in upper end of Rock Ridge. Hounds ran this fox fast and killed in rocky hillside on Bloomer's land, a nice big red fox. The mask was presented to Hugh Grant Straus and the brush to Mrs. Bernard F. Gimbel. We found our 3rd fox in swamp between Meadow Lane and the former David Vail Farm and ran north fast to Maple Vista Stables, then near roadway as we all galloped right through village of North Salem and after about 50 minutes marked this good one in sage grass field near Kennels. A very good day, this!

Thursday, November 14th:

Waterfall Farm was the meeting place and as we hacked along Spring Valley Road we noticed where numerous deer had crossed the dirt road during the night. We found a fox in William Bates' swamp and ran very fast over Dongle Ridge section and as we were running through rocky field a deer jumped up in front of the pack and we had to lift hounds and try another section. This was a day—one of the few—for deer problems as they seemed to be in every covert we cast hounds but we had no trouble whatever taking the hounds off. It was a windy, dry day, not an especially good one.

Saturday, November 16:

As we met at Rock Ridge Farm, we welcomed with enthusiasm Homer B. Gray, M. F. H. of Rombout Hunt and the joint-master Richmond F. Meyer who came from Poughkeepsie for the day's hunting and brought with them the Messrs. Small, Lasher and Jacobs. We hunted the country west of kennels, Salem Center section, but found no fox at home. However we did spot 3 deer loping away from a little oak knoll on Battery Farm. Hounds did not bother same. We found a big red fox first off the June Farm viewed by the road hunters. It ran across Baxter Road and through Von Gal swamp and as it headed east over Christopher Meldrum's we were a bit too anxious and headed the fox. It stopped for a full 2 minutes and watched us and when it started over the open fields, was rolled over on Mr. Meldrum's. We worked north over North Salem section and found in Mr. Bates' woodland and hounds really ran fast for about 35 minutes and marked their fox in a rock pile on Miss Bessie Smith's farm. As we were leaving this field someone rode back and viewed a red fox crossing road near Maple Vista Stables and we hacked hounds to the place fox had been viewed and went away fast for what looked like another good run. Unfortunately this one was not in a running mood as he dropped in a hole in 2nd field from where we put the hounds on the line. We then hacked over to Mr. Ross' swamp where we saw a deer going away to the north so we lifted hounds and drew toward Merry's wood where we found at once and after circling this large wood and back over Dongle Ridge, hounds marked in on a hillside on Mr. Ross' farm. An excellent day with scent very good. Our hearty appetites then did full justice to the delightful hunt breakfast given jointly by Mrs. Bernard F. Gimbel and Mr. Jack W. Schiffer at "Red Shield Farm" for the "field" and friends. A goodly company of 75 were there, and a merry time was enjoyed by all.

## Rolling Rock Point

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and headed for the last jump and home it was apparent that it was going to be a close finish. Legendale landed as Margot Maid took off at the last fence. This distance was maintained to the finish in spite of a gallant bid by Mr. May who went to the bat and looked for a moment as if he might close up the gap. Mr. Hunt deserved his triumph and it is open to speculation as to whether he might not have been a serious contender in the men's race, feature of the day. He carried 20 lbs. of lead to make weight in the heavy-weight race.

Seven horses were paraded to the post for the men's race by Rolling Rock's huntsman, Jimmy Reagan. At the pool dinner the night before, Richard K. Mellon's Southern Soldier, to be ridden by Sidney Watters, Jr., Rolling Rock's M. F. H., was installed a strong favorite over Grover Stephen's Imperial Queen.

The seven-some went away to a good start and as they passed the stand the 1st time, completing the 1st 3 timber jumps, they were all well bunched with Imperial Queen a length ahead of Southern Soldier. Just back of the leaders was Stittler Vipond on Miss Evelyn Thompson's Enox and Frank McCready on Mrs. George McNary's Red Pine.

Down the hill at a blistering pace they were all safely over the jump at the bottom. Across the road Southern Soldier still made the pace and Lightfoot and Prince Pat, with Messrs. George Oliver and H. Donald Paxton up, respectively, dropped behind. Imperial Queen went ahead for a short stretch but Mr. Watters re-established his command, leading the way across the hard road into the Mellons' field.

It was a relentless pace down through this long field, although the first 4 horses were only separated by 10 lengths. As they turned onto the race course again Southern Soldier and Imperial Queen were neck and neck and they fairly flew the last on even terms. The crowd cheered wildly as they raced the final 200 yards. Mr. Watters, Jr., gave Southern Soldier a beautiful hand-ride but Mr. Stephens had gone to the bat and slowly but surely he began pulling away and won by a head going away.

It was as thrilling a race as the writer has ever seen and everyone was left fairly breathless. The 3rd place was taken by Mr. Vipond on Enox, closely followed by Frank McCready, Jr., on Red Pine, and Dr. V. E. Beldham on Fulton B. Lightfoot tossed Mr. Oliver at the 5th and Mr. Paxton pulled up his tired Prince Pat at the half-way point.

It can well be said that the races are a permanent fixture and they were a financial as well as an artistic success. Plans are already being considered concerning the meeting next fall and it is safe to say that a beautiful challenge trophy will be put up for competition for the men's race.

Stewards for the day were H. C. Bughman, Jr., R. K. Mellon, W. C. Robinson, Jr., of Sewickley and Torrence Miller, Westmoreland Hunt. Head timer was Dr. George J. Kastlin.

### SUMMARIES

Ladies' Race, abt. 3½ mi., flagged country; for horses which have not run under rules during the previous 2 years; scratch weights, riders acceptable to committee. Trophy to winner. Winner: gr. m., not obtained. Time: 9:44.

1. June Holiday, (owner ridden), Mrs. Snowden Richards.
2. Scatterdash, (owner ridden), Miss Evelyn Thompson.
3. Red Hazard, (owner ridden), Miss Elizabeth McNary.

Five started, also ran (order of finish): Pidgeon, Mrs. Leonard W. Bughman. Lost rider: Quickset. Won driving by 3 lengths.

Heavyweight Race, abt. 3½ mi., flagged country; for horses which have not run under rules during the previous 2 years; weights 195 lbs. Riders acceptable to committee. Trophy to winner. Winner: b. g., 5, by "Rose-dale II—My Fairy, by Meridian. Breeder: Leo W. Davin. Time: 9:40.

1. Legendale, 195, (owner ridden), Mr. Alfred Hunt.
2. Margot Maid, 195, (owner ridden), Mr. Herbert A. May, Jr.
3. Postal Play, 195, (owner ridden), Mr. Charles DuPuy.

Four started; also ran: Bolted; 1st fence, Mrs. A. Perry Osborn's Bay Ridge, 195, Mr. A. Perry Osborn. Won by 3 lengths driving.

Men's Race, abt. 3½ mi., flagged country; for horses which have not run under rules during the previous 2 years; catch weights. Riders acceptable to committee. Trophy to winner. Winner: Strawberry rn. m., (now white), 12, by "Kiev—Hester R., by Plaudit. Breeder: John N. Anhut. Time: 8:15.

1. Imperial Queen, (owner ridden), Mr. Grover Stephens.
2. Southern Soldier, (R. K. Mellon), Mr. Sidney Watters, Jr.
3. Enox, (Miss Evelyn Thompson), Mr. Stittler Vipond.

Seven started; also ran (order of finish): Mrs. George McNary's Red Pine, Mr. Frank McCready; Dr. V. E. Beldham's Fulton B., Dr. V. E. Beldham; pulled up, ½ way; H. Donald Paxton's Prince Pat, Mr. H. Donald Paxton. Lost rider, 5th fence, George Oliver's Lightfoot, Mr. George Oliver. Won driving by ½ length.

## Stake Summaries

### Tropical Park

1st running Governor Caldwell 'Cap, Sat., Dec. 14, 1 1-16 mi., 3 & up. Purse, \$10,000 added; net value to winner \$7,400; 2nd: \$2,000; 3rd: \$1,000; 4th: \$500. Winner: br. g., (4), by Case Ace—Fleet Parade, by Man o'War. Trainer: A. Dunne. Breeder: Country Life Farm. Time: 1:43 5-5.

1. Trojan Fleet, (Bobanet Stable), 118, D. Padgett.
2. Lets Dance, (Sunshine Stable), 116, R. Donoso.
3. Bill Hardey, (Oran Lodge Stable), 117, G. Moore.

Five started; also ran (order of finish): W. G. Loew's Helioptic, 116, H. B. Wilson; Augustus & Nahn's Eternal Reward, 120, J. Stout. Won driving by neck; place same by 1; show same by 3. Scratched: Lively Man, Crack Reward, Zax, Westminster, Bel Reigh.

### Bay Meadows

1st running Veterans Rehabilitation 'Cap, Sat., Dec. 14, ¾ mi., all ages. Purse, \$10,000 added; net value to winner, \$7,400; 2nd: \$2,000; 3rd: \$1,000; 4th: \$500. Winner: br. g., (3), by Count Gallahad—'Newbattle, by Chateau Bouscalt. Trainer: E. T. Merfeld. Breeder: Mrs. J. Hertz. Time: 1:10 1-5.

1. Little Rollo, (Clearbrook Stables), 112, E. Plessa.

2. Namesake, (W. W. Naylor), 112, G. Wallace.

3. El Lobo, (S. Hamblen), 115, R. Neves.

Six started; also ran (order of finish): Stice & Sons' High Resolve, 126, J. Longden; Taste Good Farm's Deer, 108, W. Swigart; Mrs. H. Curland's Pater, 115, M. Peterson. Won driving by head; place same by 1½; show same by 1. Scratched: Ambie In.

1st running San Jose 'Cap, Sat., Dec. 14, 1 1-6 mi., all ages. Purse, \$10,000 added; net value to winner, \$7,440; 2nd: \$2,000; 3rd: \$1,000; 4th: \$500. Winner: b. g., (3), by Hollywood—Xenolue, by Xenofol. Trainer: A. Gruber. Breeder: C. T. Clifford. Time: 1:43 2-5.

1. See-Tee-See, (Hacienda de Cortez), 112, R. Neves.
2. Brie a Bac, (Gilmore & Rolph), 114, J. Longden.
3. Ambie In, (K & L Stable), 109, M. Peterson.

Six started; also ran (order of finish): W. W. Naylor's The Man, 112, G. Wallace; Mrs. W. W. Grube, Jr.'s Stimsun, 103, W. Litzenberg; H. Hawks' War Valor, 104, G. Pederson. Won driving by head; place same by neck; show same by 1. Scratched: Mafosta.

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## Peg's Pride Misses Garden Show But Not Horseman's Trophy

By Frank D. Hawkins  
(Former President Professional Horsemen's Assn.)

Included in the program of more than 29 horse shows throughout the country during the past season the Professional Horsemen's Assn. Trophy Class was climaxed with the \$1,000 event held at the Madison Square Garden, in conjunction with the National Horse Show, November 4-9.

During the season 70 horse gained some points toward the championship out of a total of 474 participating. As the season progressed these gradually narrowed down to 8 top flight performers, including Peg's Pride, Liberty Belle, General, Pabst Brew, Easy Winner, Jr., Tops'l, Plough John and Thistle Dew.

It was a hotly contested race during the final few weeks prior to the Garden, with first Peg's Pride and then Liberty Belle leading on total points. On the opening day at the Garden the score was 55 points for Peg's Pride and 53 for Liberty Belle.

Two points is quite a handicap to give away in showing at the National in one class, but then it developed that Peg's Pride was not to show in the Garden, which enabled Liberty Belle to merely gain a 3rd place to win the championship of the Professional Horsemen's Assn. for 1946.

At the last minute there was a lot of mental anguish for Miss Blanche Krupnick and her family. Liberty Belle's regular rider, Dave Wilson, fell ill. Joey Ciancola was asked to ride, quite well put on the spot with a ticklish job of riding over a difficult course on a mare he had never ridden. He rode in the elimination in the morning when 44 competed and the mare was one of the 12 left in to compete for the finals that night.

Only those closely concerned with the P. H. A., trophy competition and the contestants could appreciate the tense drama of the situation as the finals progressed that evening. Liberty Belle was tied for 3rd until the last horse came into the ring. This contest proved to be the undoing of the mare, because by jumping into 3rd place this left Miss Krupnick's mare tied for 4th, and her final point score 1 point behind Peg's Pride.

This is the way it turned out. General won the jump-off and Liberty Belle went pointless while Teddy Gussenhoven's Peg's Pride, though not competing in the Garden for those all important points, still withstood the field and was crowned P. H. A. Champion Open Jumper of 1946.

The beautiful trophy was donated this year by Mr. and Mrs. Robert A. Chambers of Katonah, N. Y., and it was a very proud moment for me when I accompanied their daughter, Miss Lillian Chambers, into the arena to present the trophy and championship to Miss Carol Gussenhoven, niece of Peg's Pride's owner. Miss Chambers had won the A. S. P. C. A. (MacLay Trophy) Championship in the same arena in 1935.

The Professional Horsemen's Assn. has a main objective to promote good feeling and constructive co-operation between members and their employers and by joint action, protect and promote common interests of members and to financially aid members who are in need of assistance. This financial assistance is strictly for members of the Professional Horsemen's Assn. and all men who earn their living in any way connected with horses are urged to join the Association.

The Association has a great number of contributory and associate members among horse owners and employers and has not the slightest desire to in anyway interfere between employer and employee. Rather the Assn.'s policy is to help promote better sportsmanship between amateur and professional alike.

## Mayville's Second Annual Horse Show A Rousing Success

By Mrs. E. E. Donnelly

No one was more astonished than the optimistic sponsors, at the rousing success of the 2nd annual Mayville Horse Show, held on Sunday, Oct. 27, at Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hillis' beautiful J-Hill farm, at Mayville, Mich. The wonderful Indian Summer weather, the perfect setting, and a turn-away crowd, combined to make the show exceed all expectations. At least 2500 spectators were on hand to watch the events and help devour the barbecued beef. This show is held in a beautiful natural bowl, just outside the village on Mr. Hillis' lovely rolling land, which furnished unlimited parking space on the low hill which incloses the ring on three sides. This oval ring, perfect in shape, and large enough to run 2 classes at once, slopes up at the north end to the low ridge which run back through the farm, and on which the outside course, and steeplechase course were set.

The show was scheduled to begin at 11:00 A. M. with breeders' classes, model, conformation, and draft classes to be judged in the morning. By noon, at least 200 horses were on hand, and the optimistic (or perhaps one should say, not optimistic enough—) stabling and post-entry systems were completely swamped. The management was most thankful for the patience and good humor of the swarms of exhibitors, some of whom came from amazing distances. There were surprisingly large numbers of entries in the breeders' classes, which seems to presage good horse showing in the future. The entries also balanced nicely between "English" and "Western" horses, something of a novelty in this stock-horse district.

In the hunter division, War Fever, owned by Mrs. J. Deane Rucker of Metamora and ridden by Arthur Reynolds, won the trophy. This beautiful horse was 1st in the model, and in working, and 2nd in conformation hunters. Mrs. James Blackwood of Metamora had a 1st in conformation hunters and a 2nd in the model class with A Chara, a 5-year-old Koodoo colt which she acquired unbroken this summer, and which was going like a real gentleman.

The standout in the jumper division was Spring Bar, the 13-year-old mare that was once campaigned by the James Verner Stable with great success, and that has spent the last 5 years under western tack on a Michigan farm. The old lady, owned now by Miss Kate Finn of Mayville, jumps as well as she ever did, and went 5'-0" to take the open

jump, knock-down-and-out, and a 2nd in working hunters.

The steeplechase, a mile and a half course, over big brush, and over terrain more fitted to hunting or cross-country racing, was a feature that delighted the spectators. To a man, or perhaps one should say to babies and old ladies,—they left their cars and hiked a quarter mile uphill, to watch Arthur Reynolds' Valdina beat Miss Kate Finn's Lady Gayheart by 2 lengths after a driving race all the way. Miss Finn's Goodbye Molly was 3rd and George Benjamin's DiLorelei 4th, with the time, amazing over this up-and-down, stony course, of 3:06.

In the pleasure division, Joe Louis' Springhill Farm horses, ridden by Mr. William Bell, of Utica, swept all saddle classes and the Tennessee Walking Horse open, to win the trophy in that division. Even those who do not care for 3 and 5-gaited horses, must enjoy watching Mr. Bell's horses show. In the pony division, Mrs. W. Kerr went home with the trophy, and the Stock Horse exhibitor who annexed most points to take that plate, was the Rainbow Farm of Clarkston, with their beautiful Palomino stallion, Rainbow's End.

Dr. D. J. Loeweth, of Metamora, acted as ringmaster, and Johnny Wallace of Bloomfield, and Fay Loss, of Vassar, took turns as most competent announcers. Mr. Louis Peters of Rochester, and Colonel Dorsey Rodney, of the R. O. T. C. at Michigan State College, were judges whose decisions seemed, unusually enough, to be popular with everyone, exhibitors and spectators alike.

### SUMMARIES

Breeders' Division  
Stallions—1. Rainbow's End, Rainbow Farm; 2. Woodlawn's Fancy, Rainbow Farm; 3. Florin, George Berridge.

Mares—1. Lady Richelieu, (T. B.), Margaret Coyle; 2. Sansovino Girl (T. B.), Mrs. E. E. Donnelly; 3. Hi-Fanny, (T. B.), Mrs. Donnelly.

### Colts

Weanlings—1. Pal, filly, Gordon Derry; 2. T. B. bay colt, Mrs. E. E. Donnelly; 3. Bay colt, (Arab.), Harold Curtis.

Yearlings, 2-yr.-olds—1. Early Frost, (T. B.), filly, 1. Mrs. E. Donnelly; 2. Daring Princess, filly, 2. Rainbow Farm; 3. Mahogany Mary, filly, 2. J. Triebel.

### Ponies

Model—1. Silver King, (stallion), Mrs. W. Kerr; 2. Softy, (stallion), John and Cecily Donnelly; 3. Entry, Dean Campbell.

### Horsemanship

Under 12—1. Billy Osburn; 2. Dean Campbell; 3. Ronny Robinson.

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# In the Country



## Mrs. Devoy's Kitchen

Mrs. Julius Devoy, who operated the Belmont track kitchen and has taken over the Tropical Park's stable area kitchen, reports that many of the leading trainers, such as Ben Jones, Don Cameron (he developed Count Fleet for John Hertz) and others breakfast on orange juice and coffee. Some do it for their blood pressure, others for their figure. J. P. "Sammy" Smith, the turf's best dressed man, has always been a dieter. The man who trains for James C. Brady, John S. Phipps, Victor Emmanuel and others "has been keeping slender for years on orange juice and coffee" reports Mrs. Devoy.

## A Dram For Nothing

Mike Gorey, who headed up the Seymour Knox hunter stable in Ireland some years ago, when Mr. and Mrs. Knox were in Elre hunting, was a man who loved his whiskey. He was continually borrowing from the menage for drinks. Finally the good will of the visiting American staff reached its limit. "Well then, I'll be showing you how to get a dram for nothing". Mike took himself to the nearest pub, there found a maid back of the bar and asked how good her brandy was. She poured out a dram, he sniffed it, then declined and asked for whiskey. He drank it off in one draught, turned to leave. He was appraised that he had not paid. "Not paid for the

whiskey? I gave thee the brandy". "But you didn't pay for the brandy", the maid argued. "But I n'er drank the brandy, me miss". He explained and departed with the laughing echoes of the patrons.

## Talking Horses

So many stories about talking horses are going the Hollywood rounds, or before sound cameras, that even new and truthful horse yarns sound apocryphal. The latest is the gag about Mickey, trained Thoroughbred stallion, bought by William Cagney for his "Stray Lamb" production. A producer who wants Mickey to play the title role in the equine biographical film, "Dan Patch", the greatest pacer of them all, sent a scout to see Mickey. After Mickey had gone through his amazing repertoire of almost-human tricks, the astounded scout sighed: "Gee, if he could talk he'd be a sensation".

## Royal Winter Program

The Royal Winter Fair program, covering the 18th exhibition, held November 12-20 in Toronto, Canada, was a most comprehensive example of a thoroughly complete horse show publication. Rules were incorporated, conditions of classes were thorough and Mrs. Adele Davies Rockwell (The Chronicle's correspondent "Broadview"), illustrated the various phases with delightful sketches of all breeds of horses in action, from ponies in harness to triple bar jumpers and Corinthian hunters. An unusual feature was the use of the asterisk on all horses which exhibitors were showing which were for sale. The 13 courses utilized for hunters and jumpers were ably illustrated, with sketches of the various jumps drawn, with dimensions given.

## "Tweet's Boy To Win"

W. G. Douglass, trainer for Louisville's W. H. Veeneman's Tweet's Boy, beaten favorite in the Coral Gables Handicap at Tropical Park,

was disappointed by the showing of the Easy Mon colt, but managed to smile in defeat and remark: "Well anyway, Tweet's Boy is the first horse to be touted in the air. Trainer Douglass had observed a plane towing a banner over the track that a certain advertiser had picked Tweet's Boy to win.

## Helioptic Her Favorite

Mrs. Harris Brown, native of Maine, who grey up with a pony and trail riding in New England before going to college and later Katherine Gibbs secretarial school, considers her favorite morning mount these days as W. G. Loew's Helioptic, handicap winner. Mrs. Brown gallops her husband's training charges, works them as well; has been doing so since last year in Alken, S. C., where Mr. Brown drafted his wife back to riding due to the shortage of exercise boys. Mrs. Brown says she hits time "Just by luck. Each horse is different and after you've galloped and worked them for a while you get used to their clip". However, many an old horseman will agree that it takes a world of experience and ability to work within 2-5 of a second of the time in which one is told to go. Mrs. Brown has a "watch in her head".

## Arcaro Freelancing

Eddie Arcaro, popular jockey with the New York crowds, (he got Bronx cheers last season whether he won or finished last), is out in California, where he expected to ride contract for William Helis. Mr. Helis has cancelled his reservations on the West coast and America's greatest ride, Jockey Arcaro, is free to free lance.

## Arthur Reynolds

Arthur Reynolds, well known horseman and former huntsman for Tryon (N. C.) Hounds, who has been in the Metamora Hunt countryside, in Oxford, Mich., will move his stable back to Tryon for the winter. He intends to maintain a winter headquarters for hunt meeting horses in training in Tryon, heading many of his horses for the Camden Hunt races and also the Tryon Hunt races, a new fixture proposed for this year.

## Canadian Purchase

From Toronto, Canada came R. W. Ballard to the National Capital Horse Show at Fort Myer, Va., on Dec. 6-8. While Mr. Ballard was there, he became much interested in C. Lamar Cresswell, Sr.'s 3-year-old Brag Pole. This was the first show

in which this green hunter had been entered and Mr. Ballard liked his prospects well enough to add him to his string in Canada. The chestnut gelding was purchased originally from Dr. L. M. Allen, Berryville, Va.

## \$500 Bet

Morton W. "Cappy" Smith asked for takers of his \$500 bet on the National Horse Show, (Madison Square Garden) open jumper champion, Chamorro. Taken up on this by Alec Atkinson, who rides Ballantree's Irish Lad in open competition, the bettors created much interest at the National Capital Show at Fort Myer but both were more or less put into the background by Miss Jane C. Pohl and Miss Ann Morningstar when these young ladies took the major share of the ribbons. Irish Lad was 2nd in the \$2,000 open jumper (final) stake behind Vernon Cardy's Atomic at the Garden but it was the top of the class for this horse at Fort Myer in the \$1,000 open jumper stake when he and Chamorro turned in the only clean performances. In the jump-off Irish Lad had 9 points toward collecting \$500 for his rider, but "Cappy" was in for 7 points in this class which gave him a total of 12 to Atkinson's 10 and a substantial victory.

## Chronicle Quiz Answers

1. A cow kicker.
2. Good night. This is proper even though a hunt may end at high noon.
3. Alfred Lord Tennyson.
4. The Arabian.
5. Wild, savage.
6. To file the sharp corners off a horse's teeth.

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## VIRGINIA HORSEMEN ORGANIZE SHOWS ASSOCIATION



Representatives of Virginia Horse Shows gathered in Warrenton, Va., last week to organize a Virginia Horse Shows Ass'n. Some of those who attended are pictured above with Mrs. James C. Hamilton, who was elected president, (checkered coat), and William H. Perry, (light coat), who was elected vice-president. Ian Montgomery, secretary-treasurer of the new association is pictured immediately behind Mrs. Hamilton.

## HUNTING

### HUNTING WITH KESWICK AND PIEDMONT



A meeting of Keswick Hunt, (Va.), on Thanksgiving Day was held at Grace Church. Pictured above are Paul Block, (white hunter), W. Haggin Perry, M.F.H., Alexander Rives, and others.



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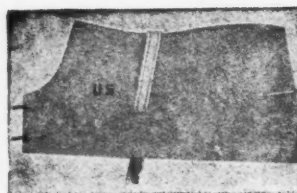
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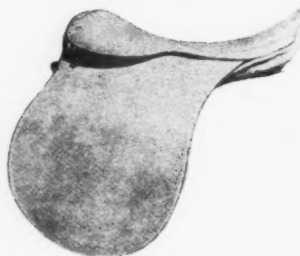
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